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SURELY YOU HAVE A NAME YOU CAN TELL ME.

BOY!

NO-THING ... ...

ANSWER! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?!

BROARRR

WHAT ?

I DON'T HAVE A NAME.

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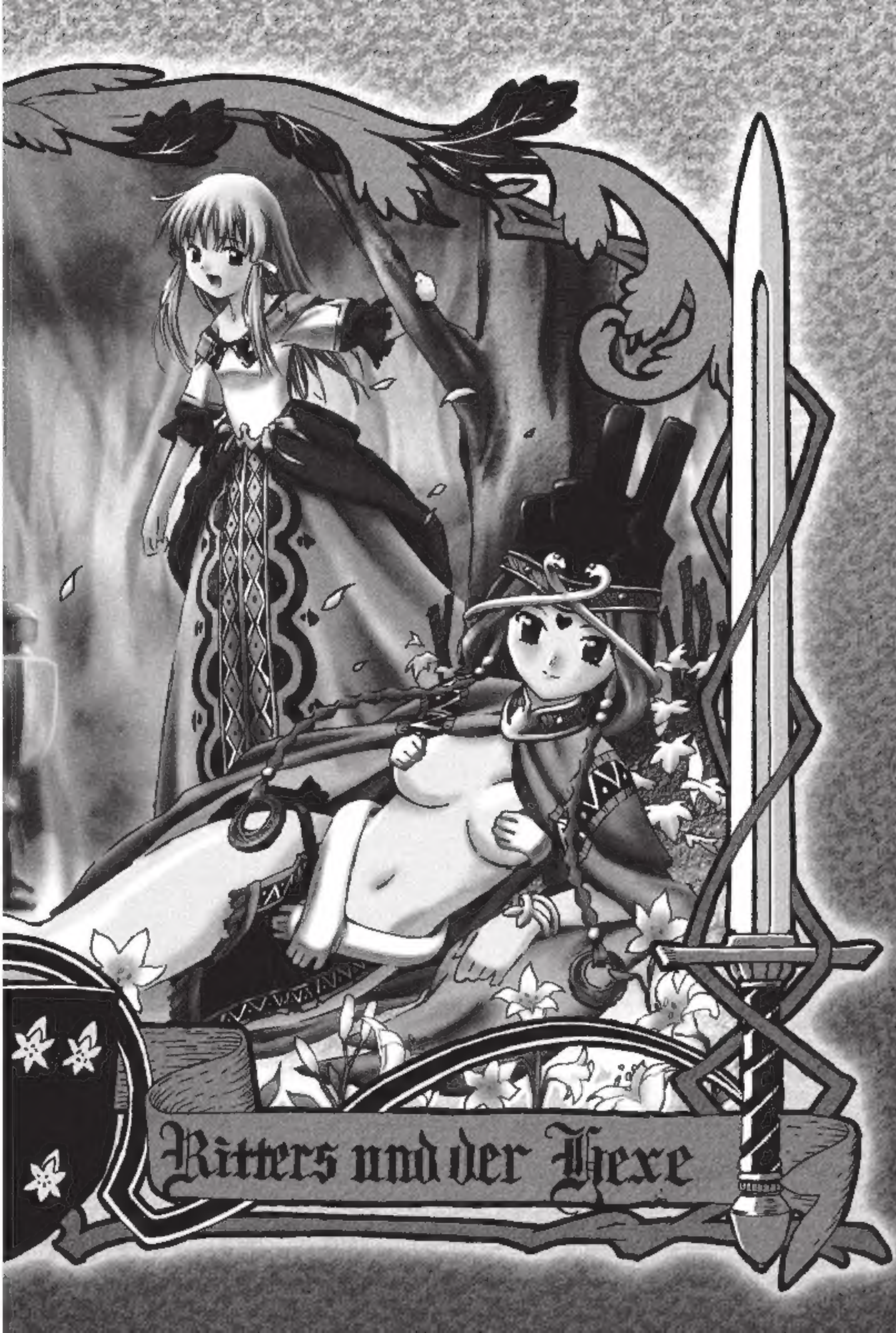
Ritters und der Hexe

CHAPTER 1 WITCH HUNT

Minnesang des

*NOTE: THE FULL PASSAGE (MINNESANG DES RITTERS UND DER HEXE) IS GERMAN FOR "THE BARD'S TALE OF THE KNIGHT AND THE WITCH".

KNIGHT'S DECALOGUE

ONE.

THOU SHALT HOLD ALL THE WEAK IN HIGH REGARD, AND, THOU SHALT PERSONALLY BE THEIR PROTECTOR.

ONE.

THOU SHALT NOT RETREAT FROM THE FACE OF THINE ENEMY.

ONE.

THOU SHALT NOT REST REGARDING THINE ENEMY, BUT GO OUT TO BATTLE HIM WITHOUT MERCY.

ONE.

THOU SHALT LOVE THE LAND OF THY BIRTH.

THOU SHALT SHOW STRICT OBEDIENCE TO THY FEUDAL LORD.

ONE.

ONE.

THOU SHALL GIVE WITHOUT STINT.

ONE.

THOSE 'SHALT NOT LIE. FURTHER, THOU SHALT REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE WORDS OF THINE OATHS.

FINALLY ...

CHAK

MAY ABUNDANT FORTUNE BE WITH OUR NEW KNIGHT!

RAHHHHHHH

THREE ...

TWO

ONE

NO MATTER THE TIME OR PLACE, THOU SHALT OPPOSE EVIL AND INJUSTICE AS A WARRIOR WHO GUARDS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

RAHHH

カキーン

CHING

I THINK THERE ARE A FEW MISSING FROM THE TEN COMMAND-MENTS.

SIR WILHELM, MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING ?

WHAT ?

THEY ARE ENOUGH FOR US.

...

...

THE ONLY THING IT *COULD* BE, *HIM!*

WHAT IS THE MATTER, SIR TRUMAN?

ARGH, HOW IRRI-TATING!

FZZT FZZT

THOMP

SIR TRUMAN. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I...

SQUIRE?

SOME SQUIRE HE IS!

NOT SHOWING UP FOR THE INVESTI-TURE!

INSIDE AND OUT.

THAT HE'S *DIFFERENT.*

KING'S YEAR 999. KINGDOM OF EXCLUDO. FREE EASTERN CITY OF FLAVUS.

MANY WITCHES HAVE RUN RAMPANT THROUGHOUT ITS PROUD THOUSAND-YEAR HISTORY.

EX-CLUDO.

FURTHER, USING THE SPELLS GRANTED THEM BY THE DEMONS, THEY SPREAD EVIL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THEY ABANDONED THEIR FAITH, DISGRACED GOD, AND DESPICABLY REVERED DEMONS.

ゴオオ

ROOOO

RAWHH

RAWHH

RAWHH

IN THE FUTURE, PEOPLE WOULD CALL THIS...

THE AGE
OF WITCH
HYSTERIA--

DWONNNN

HURRY, LIGHT THE FIRE!

WOHHH

RAWHH

RAWHH

TO HELL WITH HER!

GRAHHH

RAWHH

RAWHH

KILL HER!

SAY NO MORE.

I MYSELF FIND IT...

MASTER LEONARDO. IS THAT GIRL REALLY A WITCH?

THAT'S PART OF THE KNIGHT'S DECA-LOGUE.

THOU SHALT BELIEVE THE LORD'S TEACHINGS, AND OBEY ALL HIS COMMANDS.

THE BLACK KNIGHT ?

HM.

HE COULD POSSIBLY APPEAR.

BE ON GUARD, FATHER.

...
...
...

CAWWW
CAWW

...
...
...

SERVANTS OF THE DEVIL EXIST, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE BLACK KNIGHT.

HAH!

THERE'S NO FATHOMING ONE WHO SIDES WITH WITCHES AND OPPOSES GOD.

HUHUHUH.

WE'LL SHOW HIM GOD'S "JUSTICE."

YES, FATHER.

SHOULD SOMETHING CHANCE TO HAPPEN, GUARD ME AS FECHTMEISTER, SIR SCOTT.

*NOTE: FECHTMEISTER IS GERMAN FOR "FENCING MASTER"

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BWOOF

ウォォォ

ROWHH

LIGHT THE FIRE!

SNAKT

SNAKT

DIE!

DIE!

DIE!

DIE!!

CRY

ワアー
YEAH
ウオー
WOHH
TRAHHH
ワー
RAHHH
RAHHH
ガヤアー
AGHHH
ゴゴゴゴ
BROLRRRRR
CLINK

DOHUM

SHMP

ASTOUND

A MASKED...

...SWORDS-MAN?

WHO'S HE?!

GRAH!

DON'T DISTURB THIS HOLY BURNING!

N-NAKED!!

!

ZIP

BOOSH

MWOOF

BWOOOOSH

GWUH!

HEEHEE

FWOOOOF

I CAN'T SEE! WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!

CURSES !

FWOOF

V!

FATHER, CALM YOURSELF. IT IS JUST A SMOKE-SCREEN!

H.I.I.I.G.

GRYYY
H 7"
SOB
H 7"
SOB

THAT WAS A RUSE IN NOT TO GO THROUGH

YOU RESCUED ME FROM DANGER, AND I AM TRULY...

SNFFF

YOUR NOSE'S RUNNING.

UH...

M-MY NAME IS NINA.

...

...

...

...I SEE.

SUDDENLY I WAS CALLED A WITCH...

BUT ...

INDEED.

ALL I DID WAS TAKE A WALK TO FLAVUS.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA EITHER.

THERE GOES YOUR NOSE AGAIN.

WAHHH.

I WAS SOOO SCARED!

AND, THIS IS *MIST.*

I'M *ELIPHEMIA.*

YOU KNOW, WE STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED OURSELVES.

WHAT?

HN?

SHE

AGH!

WHY DO YOU WEAR A MASK?

MIST, GOOD SIR.

SO YOU *ARE* A KNIGHT. ♡

SPARKLE

OH MYYY.

A SQUIRE, ACTUALLY.

UGHH!!

OH, RIGHT! ACTUALLY, MIST'S JUST A KNIGHT IN TRAINING.

DELUSIONAL

I'VE MET UP WITH A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.

I'M SURE HIS MASK MUST HIDE A GORGEOUS FACE.

AHHH.

THIS IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL.

A GIRL *DOES* DREAM ABOUT A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, YOU KNOW.

SHE'S NOT LISTEN-ING.

A SQUIRE IS A KNIGHT'S APPRENTICE, SO...

EEEEK!

...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL GET HURT.

DON'T GET IN DEEP.

NO, MIST.

I KNOW.

QUEEK

MILADY, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!

MI..ADYYY!

STARK NAKED♡

SHOO!

"MILADY" ...?

MILADY.

I FEEL YOU SHOULD BE MORE **SELECTIVE** ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

TO WHAT, DO YOU REFER?

WHO KNEW YOU WERE AN ARISTOCRAT?

THIS IS A SUR-PRISE.

EHEHEH

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME. ♡

WELCOME, SIR KNIGHT, MISS Eu- WHATEVER.

I DON'T REMEMBER

THEY SAY THERE USED TO BE MANY MORE PEOPLE COMING AND GOING IN THIS CASTLE.

I AM KATRINA ANTONINA WEISSTEMPLER.

THE ONLY DALIGHTER OF THE WEISSTEMPLER FAMILY.

NINA.

TK

OH!

WE ARE - RUINED PEERS?

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY...

YOU SHOULDN'T ADMIT THAT...

...
...

LIFT

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, NINA.

FATHER!

SHIFT!!

THIS IS THE PRIEST'S ROOM.

AND HOW EXTRAVA-GANT IT IS.

A ROOM DECORATED WITH SILVER AND GOLD...

HE'S KNOWN AS THE "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN", OR THE BLACK KNIGHT.

I SUPPOSE YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE MAN GOING AROUND ASSASSINATING WE CLERGY-MEN.

SIR SCOTT.

SHNK

WAS THAT THIEF TODAY THE BLACK KNIGHT?

I'D LIKE TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.

...THE BLACK KNIGHT ...

TAK TAK TAK

INDEED, NO.

STEEL ARMOR AND BLUE ATTIRE. WERE THAT HIM, HE WOULD *NOT* BE CALLED THE BLACK KNIGHT, WOULD HE?

MEOW?

WRONG.

WHERE MIGHT THAT HAVE COME FROM?

A KITTEN?

FATHER, WHY DO YOU DO THIS?!

BLACK IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE.

MEWWW MEWWW

WHITE IS A RADIANT LIGHT, A SACRED BRILLIANCE DENOTING THE LORD.

THIS WAY, YOU TWO!

MY ONLY DAUGHTER IS A WITCH THE WEISSTEMPLER HONOR WILL NOT STAND SUCH A DISGRACE.

NO!

THIS IS SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!

DROP

コン
KONK

ME WWW WW!

THIS IS NO DOUBT A WITCH'S FAMILIAR!

THAT IS GOD'S APPOINTED LAW.

ガシッ
GRIP

ALL THAT ARE CLAD IN BLACK

ARE THE KIN OF DEMONS!!

MONSTER!

IT'S A DEMON, A SERVANT DEMON!

CLAK

CLAK

AH... ...AHH...

OH BROTHER

AH...
SHLLF
COME!
SO YOU ARE BOUND TO A DEMON!
NINA!
T T
UH?

ピチャン

SHUT UP!

ゴオオ

BLARRR

I'LL ASK ONCE MORE. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

DON'T PLAY GAMES

WHAM

SLASH

CALL ME WHATEVER YOU LIKE!

SON OF A DEMON, MONSTER...

MONS-TER...

HUH ...

WHO'S THERE ?

APPEAR

IT IS I, MILORD MIST.

NINA!

MILORD MIST?

YES.
I MANAGED TO SNEAK PAST FATHER.

YOU'RE ALRIGHT!

OH.

ZOOM

?

MILORD MIST.
PLEASE LOOK AT THIS.

A KNIGHT STATUE ?

IT REMINDS ME OF YOU. ♡

EHEHEH.

SQUEEZE

THAT'S A FIRST.

...

...

...

NO GIRL'S EVER SMILED TO MY FACE BEFORE...

I'M A KNIGHT *APPREN-TICE.*

SQ-UI-RE!

DIFFERENT

UGHHH? WAS I MIS-TAKEN?

AHH!

FA-THER?!

SO THERE YOU ARE.

GONK

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO RE-SUBMIT TO TRIAL.

I'M NO ZEALOT, BUT WE MUST CLEAR AWAY THE SUSPICION THAT YOU'RE A WITCH.

NO! I REFUSE!

COME WITH ME. WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE PRIEST

STOP! NINA'S NOT A WITCH!

YOU DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WITCH HUNTS!

RIDICULOUS, THE LIKES OF YOU BECOMING A KNIGHT.

I HEARD YOU SAY YOU'RE A SQUIRE.

EVEN SUPPOSING YOU ***WERE*** ONE, WHY DO YOU REBEL AGAINST GOD'S WORD?

DO YOU BELIEVE GOD OVER YOUR OWN DAUGHTER?!

NINA'S NO WITCH!

TAKE HER AWAY.

...

MILORD MIST...

TEAR

THUNK

SHIT!

HEAVE

GRUNT

GNOK

...!!

PULL

GRAH

GRAHH

GRAHH

CHAK

SHIT...

SINK

MIIIST, SORRY FOR THE WAIT!!

WHAM

EUPHEMIA
!!

FATHER,
WHAT'S
THIIIS?

WOWWW!

A KNIGHT'S A GREAT PERSON WHO PROTECTS THE RIGHT-EOUS.

CAN HE PROTECT ME, TOO?

KNIGHT ?

IT'S A KNIGHT.

OKAY, I'LL BE GOOD!

IF YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL.

...
...
..

NINA'S NO WITCH! DO YOU BELIEVE GOD OVER YOUR OWN DAUGHTER?!

THE DEMON KID'S ESCAPED!

HE'S ...

OH NO!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

EH?

I KNOW WHAT THE PRIEST'S UP TO!

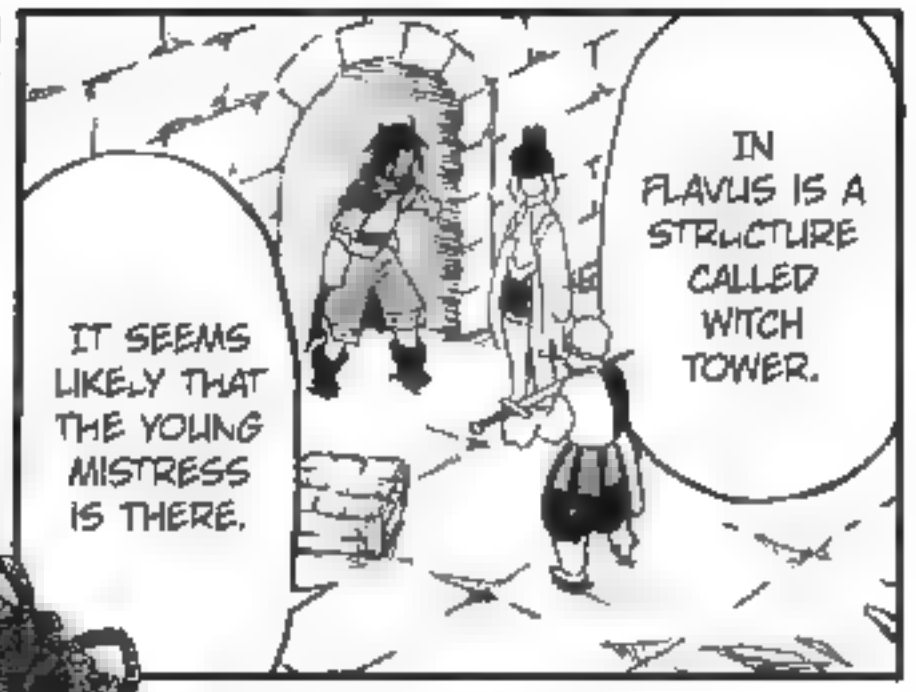
I CAN'T!

SLOW DOWN, MIST! THIS'S TOO FAST!

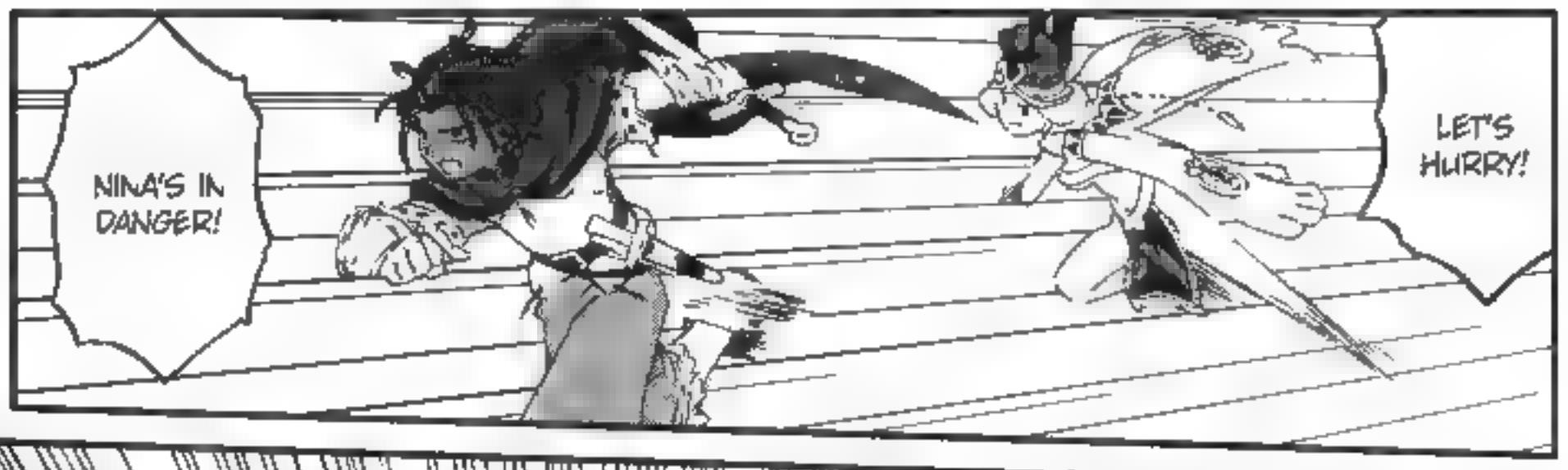
DUEL

DMP DMP DMP DMP

PLEASE, PROTECT HER.
LIFT


IN FLAVUS IS A STRUCTURE CALLED WITCH TOWER.
IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE YOUNG MISTRESS IS THERE.

YOUNG KNIGHT!
ALL IS IN YOUR HANDS.


NINA'S IN DANGER!
LET'S HURRY!

YOU! WON'T GET AWAY, MONSTER!
DADADADA

HALLLT!
DMDMDMDM

BUT.

NO PROBLEM! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T THINK I CAN?

HEEHEE

OH?

KH!

PUR-SUERS!

ALL YOURS!

BOLT

BREAK A LEG!

GOOD POINT.

NOW THEN.

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ハヒホ

AWOOH

NWHA ?!

BRRRRRRRR

ブルヒヒヒ

WH OA! WH OA!

WENCH !

MOVE ASIDE!

DON'T BE SO UNCOUTH.

I'M GOING TO TAKE ON *ALL* OF YOU.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER

LICK

IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
GA H!
KSSH
KSSH
MY ARMS ARE GOING TO COME OFF!
FATHER! WHY DO YOU DO SUCH A THING?!

WHY, LET ME TE... YOU!

"WHY?"

BECAUSE WE'RE IN WITCH TOWER!!

A HOLY PLACE RICH WITH MIRACULOUS EFFICACY, WHERE MANY WITCHES HAVE BEEN LED TO CONFESSION.

THIS IS THE TOP FLOOR INQUISITION ROOM.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE "HANGING DROP"?!
WA HA HA HA HA HA!!
GRIND
GRIND
AND THIS IS THE TOWER'S ONLY, ULTIMATE, INQUISITION TOOL
BUT YOU WILL NOT SLAM INTO THE FLOOR BELOW.
THE CHAIN ISN'T THAT LONG, YOU SEE.
IF I PULL THIS LEVER, YOU WILL FALL.
THEN,
YOUR SHOULDERS, HIPS, ALL THE JOINTS IN YOUR BODY WILL BE ENTIRELY DESTROYED.
THE SHOCK OF THE FALL WON'T BE ABSORBED BY THE GROUND, BUT TRANSMITTED ENTIRELY TO YOUR JOINTS.

A MAGNIFICENT INQUISITION TOOL, DON'T YOU THINK?!

JUST ONE DROP WILL BE ENOUGH TO TEAR OFF ONE OF YOUR LIMBS.

WHAT'S MORE, THIS TOWER HAS A SPECIAL FULL-LENGTH STAIRWELL.

SHAA

KRRR!!

TORTURE, IS IT NOT?

INQUI-SITION... TH-THIS IS PRACTI-CALLY -

IT'S TORTURE.

INDEED.

SQUEEZE

SHUN

YANK

SHUNK!!

HAHAHA.

YES, A WITCH'S SCREAMS SO BEFIT THIS TOWER.

HAHAHA

HAHAHA

SHFF

THE TOWER IS SEALED FROM THE INSIDE.

AND...

YOU WILL NEVER REACH THE WITCH.

CHAK

I KNEW YOU'D COME.

BUT,

NOW I SEE WHY YOU'RE CALLED THE BLACK KNIGHT.

THIS IS WHERE YOU DIE!

DASH

ALBER.

DROP

"NOTE: GERMAN FOR "FOOL'S GUARD"

"THOU SHALT PROTECT THE CHURCH!"

BY THE KNIGHT'S DECA-LOGUE!

HAVE AT THEE!

CHING!

JUMP

JUMP

WHAT ?!

THAT'S...

YOU MEAN HE'S BLOCKING HIM?!

CHUNG

CHUNG

CHUNG

EISEN-PFORTE!!

BUT, FOR HIM TO STOP *ALL* OF MASTER LEO'S STRIKES...

ALBER IS A DEFENSIVE STANCE. THAT EISENPFORTE IS A VERITABLE IRON WALL!

*NOTE: THAT'S GERMAN FOR "IRON GATE."

HE'S FORMI-DABLE!

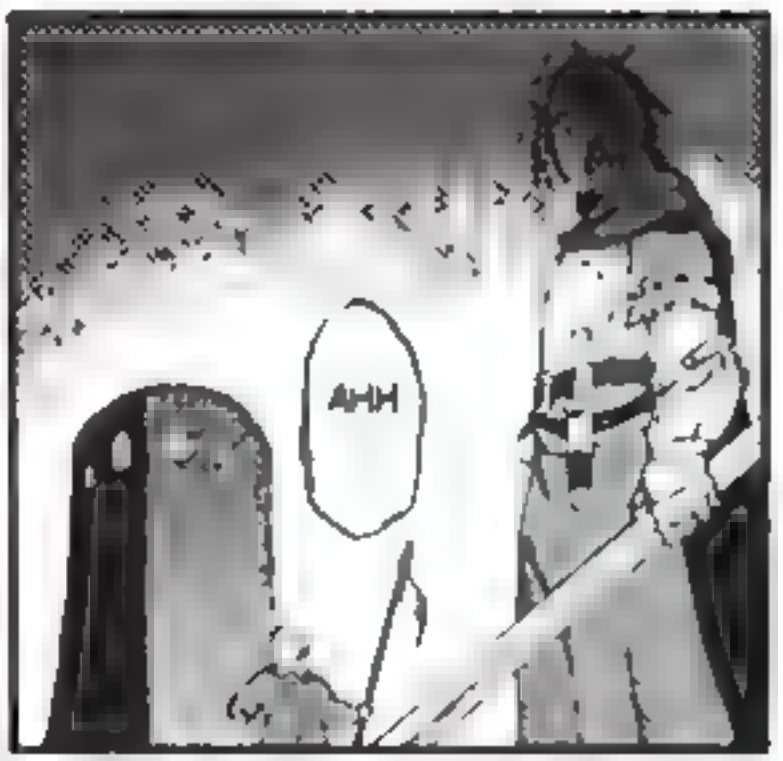
THE BLACK KNIGHT ...

DAMN YOU!!

HALB-SCHWERT.

*NOTE: GERMAN FOR "HALF-SWORD"

WHOCK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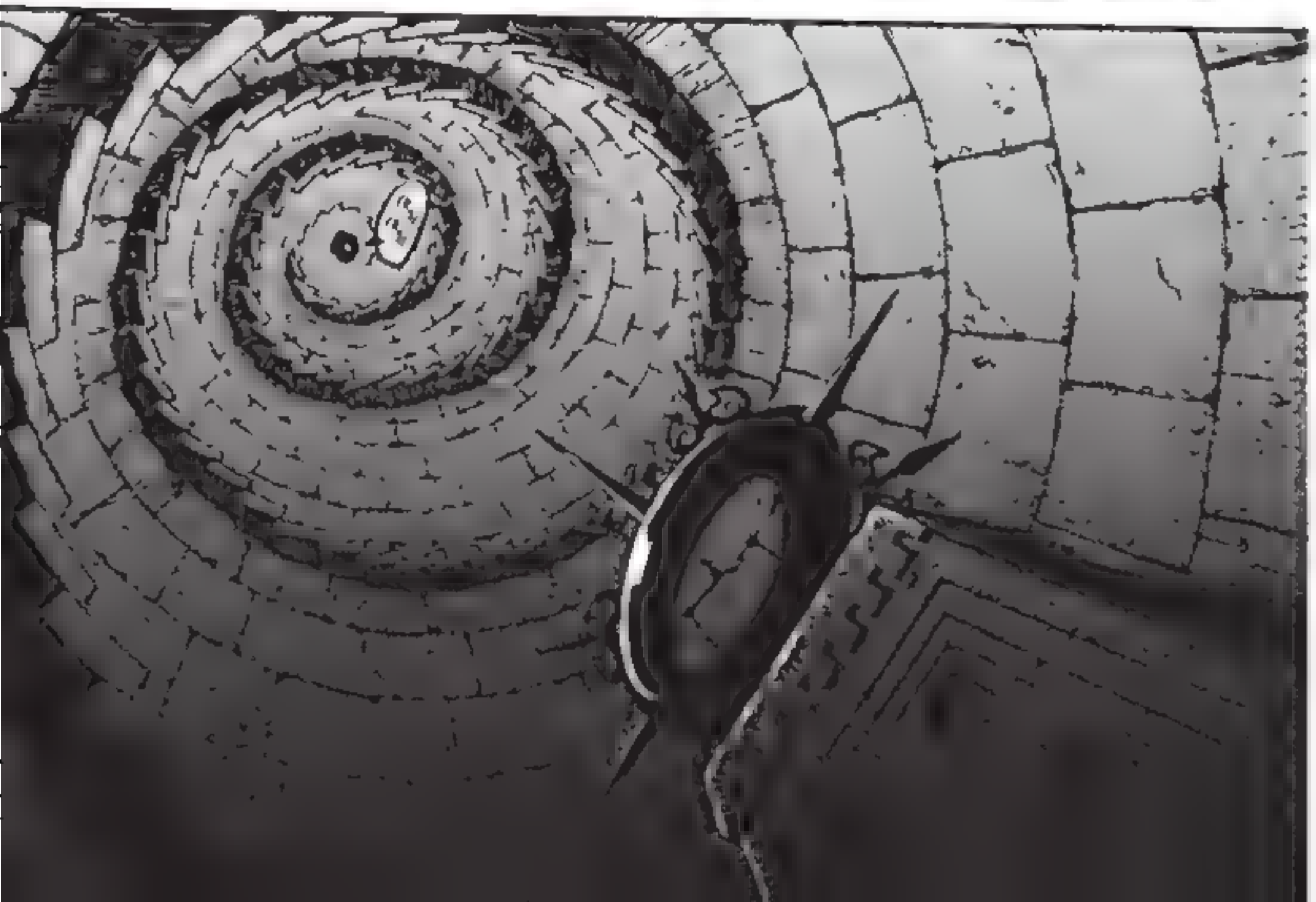

HAHH HAHH HAHH

AHH

HAHH HAHH

HAHH HAHH

YOU STILL HAVE ALL YOUR LIMBS.

THAT'S A WITCH FOR YOU. WHAT DEVIL'S LUCK!

KRYK KRYK

OHO.

NO.

RATHER, MAYBE IT'S ILL LUCK.

BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO TASTE THE SAME AGONY AGAIN!

HU HA HA HA HA!

MY OH MY, YOUR SHOULDER'S COME OUT OF JOINT.

WELL? I IMAGINE YOU DON'T DESIRE ANY MORE AGONY

AUGHHHHH

GRUNK

GH...

I'M NOT A WI...

TELL ME YOU'VE COMMITTED THE GRAVE SIN OF PROFANING AND MOCKING GOD!

TELL ME YOU'RE A WITCH!

SO CONFESS!

POOL

HN...

PLEASE BELIEVE ME, I AM NO WIIIITCH.

ポロ CRY

ポロ CRY

ポロ CRY

ポロ CRY

UGH ...

PLEASE.

GRASP

UNLESS YOU'VE LOST AN ARM!

REHN

LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T UNDER-STAND -

SUCH WORDS ARE NOT WHAT I WISH TO HEAR.

ARE YOU ?!

WHAAAT ?!

RESIDENT EVIL

THE "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN"?!

NO, HE'S LIKE...

HOW SINISTER, LIKE THE DEVIL'S SERVANT.

BLACK SKIN...

A KNIGHT OF SALVATION...

SENT TO RESCUE ME.

I THANK THEE.
DEAR LORD,
AHH...
SNIFF
JUST LIKE WITCHES, HE'S AN ABSURD FABRICATION!
GOD DOESN'T EXIST!
DON'T PRAY!
AN EXPEDIENT FOR BURNING THE INNOCENT TO DEATH!!
HE'S NOTHING MORE THAN -

A KNIGHT WHO DEFIES GOD FOR THE SAKE OF WITCHES...

MEWWW

MEWWW

CHAKK

EVEN IF *GOD DID* EXIST...

EVEN IF HE *WAS* OMNIPO-TENT...

VSSH

WHO HARM YOU!!

I'D STILL CRUSH THOSE -

--PRAY NOT...

THE VICTIMS WERE QUITE NORMAL, EVERYDAY WOMEN.

"WITCH HUNT." AN ATROCITY CARRIED OUT IN THE NAME OF GOD.

AND THOU WILT...

...BE SAVED.

"THIS IS THE PATH OF A MAN'S LIFE"

WITCH!

ONE WHO WORKS THROUGH THE POWERS OF DEMONS OR OTHER ACCURSED, ELABORATE TECHNIQUES.

THEY BRING TO LIGHT THINGS THAT ARE SECRET, AND PREDICT THINGS WHICH ARE TO COME

THEIR WORKS INCLUDE BOTH THE POWER TO HARM AND TO HEA.

AND HEAP EVEN MORE ETERNAL CONVICTION UPON HUMAN SOULS.

IN ANY CASE, THESE ARE ARTS DEVISED BY DEMONS TO TEMPT, ENSNARE

FROM GEORGE GIFFORD'S "A DIALOGUE CONCERNING WITCHES AND WITCH-CRAFTS"

NOT BECAUSE THEY'VE MURDERED, BUT BECAUSE THEY'VE CONSPIRED WITH DEMONS-

WITCHES SHOULD BE PUT TO DEATH.

KINGDOM OF EXCLUDO, ROYAL DOMAIN, CASTLE SANGUINEUS

ONE MOMENT.

HN?

WHY DOES A SINGLE PRIEST DELAY HIM SO?

HOW GO THINGS ?

WHAT ?!

THE LIGHT OF MIRACLE.

I SEE IT.

PERHAPS A ***BIZARRE SANCITITY*** OF NEAR-ULTIMATE POWER.

IT IS A GREAT, POWERFUL LIGHT.

COULD IT BE THAT MUCH...?

THIS MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR THE SQUIRE.

WHAT ...?

NINA'S NOT A WITCH!

FATHER BALTHAZAR!

I STRIKE AT YOU IN ORDER TO SAVE THE INNOCENT!!

CHAPTER 2 WITCH TOWER

JANGLE

I'LL SHOW YOU MY FAITH.

GROTESQUE SERVANT OF THE DEVIL WHO'S TAKEN THE LIVES OF MANY CLERGY.

I KNOW HEHE. OF YOU, "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN".

DANGLE

しら～

NOTHING

WHAT ?!

BEGONE, DEMON !!

ドロ

オン

SHOMMM

WHY DO YOU NOT FEAR THE HOLY SYMBOL? AREN'T YOU THE DEVIL'S SERVANT?!

NO.

MAY YOUR UGLY BLACK FACE RETURN TO NORMAL.

SO SPARE ME!

...

...

...

I SHALL PRAY FOR YOU, THEN.

ブルブル

TREMBLE

I SEE, YOU WERE NOT ONCE A DEMON...

NO?

I'M HUMAN.

NOT THAT YOU PROBABLY BELIEVE THAT

YOUR SOUL WILL BURN IN ETERNAL FLAME...

MURDERING ONE WHO SERVES THE LORD IS A GRAVE SIN.

HAHH

HAH

PANTS

Y..

YOU MUSTN'T, MILORD MST

THAT'S DISGRACE-FUL.

I KNOW YOUR SCHEME, BALTHAZAR.

YES, THE WITCH SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

YOU'D RELY ON THE GIRL YOU WERE TORTUR-ING?

THE WEISSTEMPLER FAMILY IS NOBILITY WITH A CASTLE AND A DOMINION.

AND, INQUISITORS HOLD THE RIGHT TO CONFISCATE THE ASSETS OF WITCHES.

UGH... I'M THE MOUTHPIECE OF GOD. MY WORD IS ABSOLUTE.

SEIZURE OF ASSESTS IS JUST COMPENSATION FOR CLEANSING MULTIPLE WITCHES THROUGH FLAME.

BALTHAZAR!

YOU GAVE NINA THE STIGMA OF "WITCH" FOR THE SAKE OF MONEY!!

...
...
...

KNIGHTS MUST... NO, *ALL* ADHERENTS MUST REVERE ME!!

SO WHY DO YOU, A KNIGHT, OPPOSE ME?!

ALL I DID WAS OBEY GOD'S DOCTRINE!

READY YOURSELF, SKINFLINT!

TOO BAD FOR YOU, I'M JUST A SQUIRE.

FIRST THE GIRL, THEN GOD'S AUTHORITY, EH?

SWAK

CAT'S CLAW...

I CAN'T WIN AGAINST HIM WITH A TORTURE TOOL LIKE THIS...

HOOO

IGHH!

AH, DIVINE REVELATION.

HM HM HM.

WRING

HN?

HAS HE GIVEN UP?

DRIP

EEE

SHIT!!

KRRRRLN

AIEEEE!

CLATA

COWARDY

CLANG

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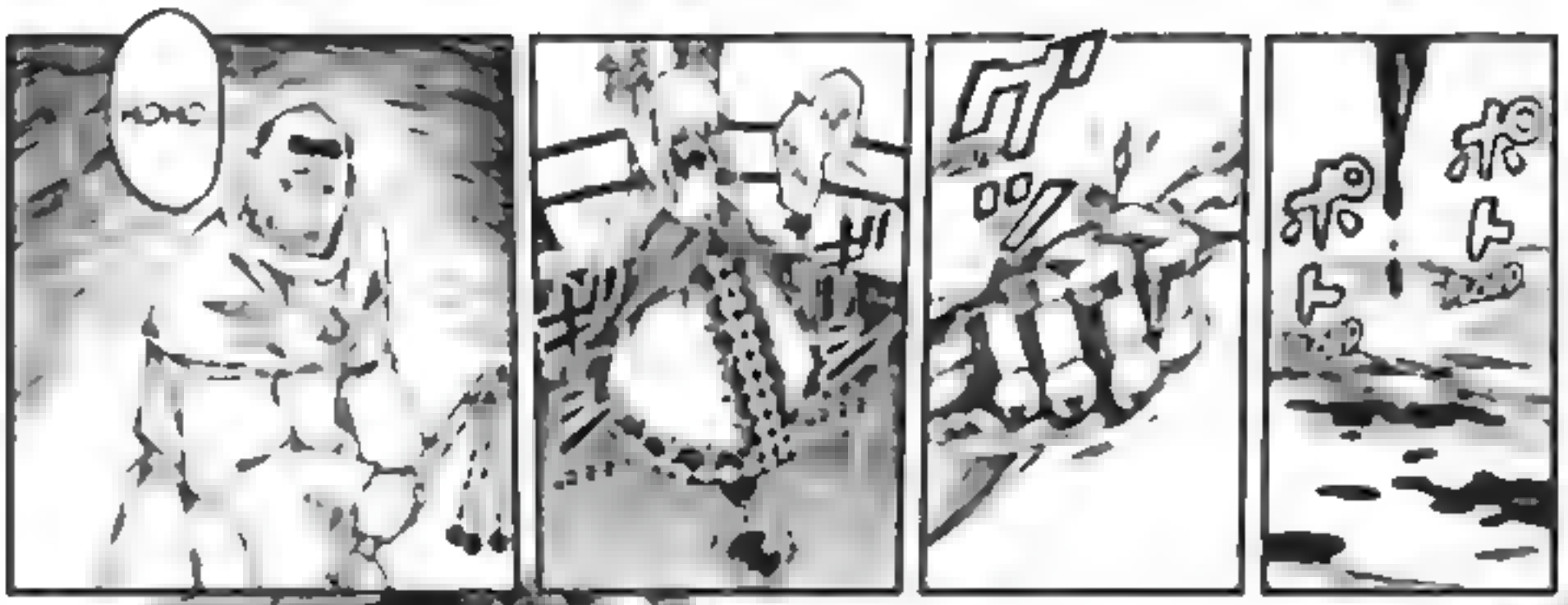
KONG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THE CHAIN
HERE
YOU ARE
POWERLESS
BEFORE ME
AFTER ALL
THOSE
CLERGY YOU
KILLED
BUT
NOW
UNTIL A
BIT AGO
I WAS
SHAKING
WITH
FEAR.

THE HOLY MAN WHO DESTROYED THE DEVIL'S SERVANT!!

IF I KILL YOU, MY NAME WILL BE FAMOUS!

THIS IS THE GOOD FORTUNE GIVEN BY GOD!

THOUGH IF YOU LET GO OF THE CHAIN, THE "WITCH" DIES!!

THEN KILL ME!

HE HE

HAHH

WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?

DO YOU HATE ME?

WHAM

WOOF

HM HM.

OTHER-WISE...

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

YOU AND THE WITCH *BOTH* WILL DIE!

MILORD MIST!

I'LL SPILL EVERY LAST DROP OF IT!!

REVOLTING!

SO YOU TOO HAVE RED BLOOD!

MILORD MIST WILL DIE!

PLEASE STOP, FATHER!

DP

KRAK

THOCK

HA HA HA HA HA!!

...MILORD MIST.

...!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

AMONG THE CROWD THAT WANTED MY DEATH, YOU ALONE..

WHEN NO ONE.. NOT EVEN THE PRIEST OR MY FATHER WOULD BELIEVE ME"

YOU SAID TO ME,

I'M NOT A WITCH.

THE ONE AND ONLY PERSON WHO BELIEVED IN ME...

PLEASE, LET GO NOW.

THOSE WORDS ALONE WERE ENOUGH FOR ME.

I TRULY WAS HAPPY.

SHANK

MiLORD MIST...

NO.

HAH

HAH!

SHF

SHF

チャキ
CHAK

DYING BY YOUR OWN SWORD WILL BE THE FINISHING TOUCH.

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WHOM
!

ガシ ガシ
GSHAK

KH!

ザン
STAB

SPLAT

THUD

THUD

N-

NO...

BECAUSE YOU DIE FOR THE LIKES OF A WITCH.

YOU'RE A FOOL.

MILORD MIST! MILORD MIIIST!

NOOOO!

PLEASE, MILORD MIST!

DON'T DIE!!

HN?

YE KNIGHT WHO SEEKS GLORY...

... ... YE...

I'LL FINISH YOU OFF TO BE SAFE.

MILORD MIST!

WHAT ?!

THOU CARRIES A SWORD FOR THE SAKE OF THE WEAK.

ゴゴゴ STRICOLE

BEAR THIS IN MIND.

ボトボト BLOP

MORE WORTH PROTECTING THAN THE KNIGHT'S DECALOGUE!

I KNOW...

THE PAIN OF THE OPPRESSED.

THERE ARE THINGS MORE IMPORTANT -

YANK

THE ONE WHO'LL BREAK THIS CHAIN OF WITCH HUNTS!!

HEAR ME.

MY NAME IS MIST, "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN"!

IGH!

ZECKE!

KRIK

WHONG

KRNK

"NOTE THIS IS GERMAN FOR "TICK" (AS IN THE PARASITE). THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO A LIGHT NON-LETHAL BLOW.

I WENT EASY ON YOU, BECAUSE I CAN'T KILL THOSE WHO TURN THEIR BACKS.

A BLOW WITH THE FLAT OF THE SWORD!

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TWITCH

...
...
...I WENT EASY,

I THINK.

ARE YOU SURE?

IT LOOKS WORSE THAN IT IS.

I'LL HAVE YOU DOWN SOON.

ガラ ガラ

CRASH

MILORD MIST!

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALRIGHT ...

I'M FINE.

OH NO, YOU DON'T.

HEAVE

CLANG

KH!

PANG

WHOM

!!

WHAT STRENGTH... IS THIS THE POWER OF BLIND FAITH?!

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

DAMN, I'M OUT OF STRENGTH ...

SPURT

SPURT

IF I DON'T BURN THE DEMON WHORE AT THE STAKE, I'LL FALL TO HELL TOO.

HE WHO CONDEMNS NOT A WITCH, COMMITS THE SAME OFFENSE.

GH...

YOU'LL DIE TOO.

IF I KILL YOU, THE WITCH WILL DIE AS SHE IS... WE'RE GOING TOGETHER.

YANK

BUT!

YOU'RE GOING TO HELL!!

DANG

HAHH

I'M JUST GOING TO BE WITH GOD.

HAHH

GONG

AGHHHH

UGH!

YOU GUYS WERE PRETTY GOOD.

hnnnn

HEAPED

AHH

HNFFF

AHH

RACK UP SOME EXPERIENCE AND GIVE IT ANOTHER GO, BOYS. ♥

I'LL TAKE YOU ON AGAIN

HUMM

BUT I CAN'T BE SATISFIED JUST FROM THAT.

PLEASE PUT SOME CLOTHES ONNN!!

MIST, GOOD WORK!

WHY? WHY'S SHE NAKED?!

NOT BAD, EUPHEMIA.

OH?

...

OF THE HIGH SPIRITS OF ONE TO WHOM YOU GRANTED A NAME... ...?

ARE YOU NOT PROUD?

WELL NAMED, INDEED.

MISTLTEINN, THE GOD SLAYER.

*NOTE: THIS IS A REFERENCE TO HROMUNDR GRIPSSON'S SWORD IN HROMUNDAR SAGA GRIPSSONAR, A LEGENDARY SAGA FROM ICELAND.

YOUR PREDICTION WAS A RARE MISS.

BALTHAZAR IS JUST A MAN.

...
...

OUR ENEMY IS THE WORLD-COVERING FAITH ITSELF.

WE HAVE A LONG FIGHT AHEAD OF US..

THIS KINGDOM DOESNT BELONG TO GOD.

IN A BIG MESS.

YOUR HIGHNESS.

MY PREDICTIONS NEVER RESULT -

ゴォォォ

THE HOLY WOMAN ...

P- PLEASE... HAVE MERCY...

YOU ARE ...

UAH ...

"EXTREME UNCTION" ...?

NOT THE ...

HN?

TOUCH

SWASSH

THE GREAT-NESS OF GOD...

DRIP

"HAMMER OF HOLY MEN." I SUPPOSE YOU REALIZE...

THE WAY HE INTER-WEAVES HIS MIRACLES!

SHF!!

KRSW

'WHITE'-BLACK-'WHITE'

FOR DEVIATING FROM MY FAITH AND ENTRUSTING MYSELF TO DEMONS.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, LORD.

CHAPTER 3 WITCH'S MARK

...IS MILORD MIST.

...
...
ON THE OTHER SIDE...

I'LL CRUSH THOSE -

WHO HARM YOU!

BLUSH

THDUMP

THDUMP

THDUMP

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MHOHO!

MILORD MIST. ♡

ヨ○!!
SWING!

MILORD MIST!

NO.

IF YOU SEEK SIR KNIGHT, HE HAS DEPARTED.

FEEP

AGRI, EASTERN EXCLUDO

SOME-ONE NEW?

MOVE

WALK FASTER!

CLAKA

SHAME-LESS.

HO-O-O

SHOVE

NOW GET IN THERE!

SHE REALLY IS A WITCH.

GCHAK

WHAT KIND OF OUTFIT IS THAT?

THE SAME AS ME...

NEVER-MIND ALL THAT.
THE KEY?! THE GUARDS ?!
HOW DID YOU -?!

DO YOU KNOW ME?
SO, LUISE.

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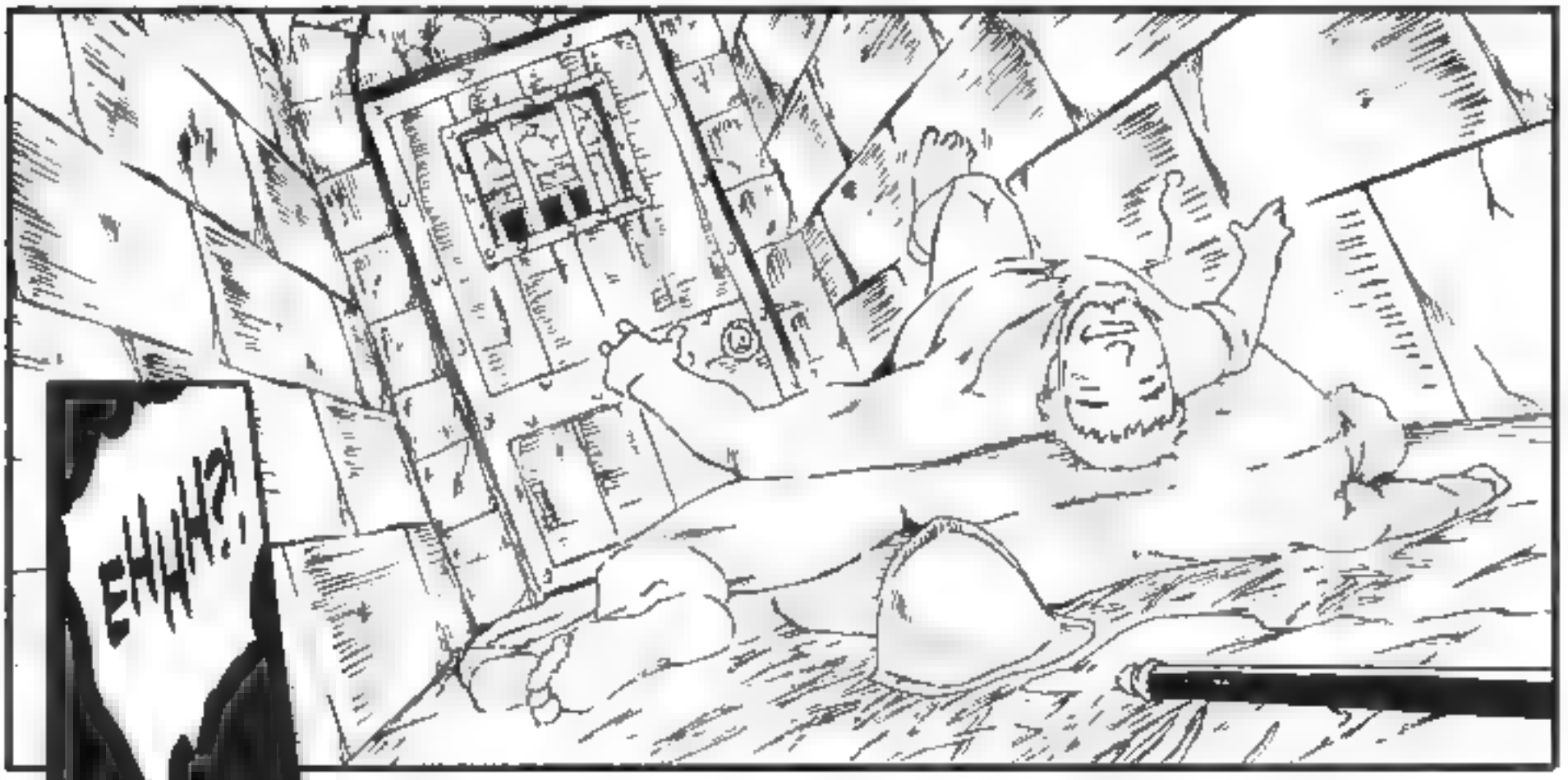
HELP
HELLO.
ガチャ
GCHAK

...
...

WHY WERE YOU ARRESTED?


EHHH?!

THE LORD IS GREAT. HE MUST HAVE SEEN SOME SIN I MYSELF DID NOT REALIZE.

NO.

I HAVE... NEVER REALLY DONE OR THOUGHT OF ANY EVIL DEEDS.

THEN *WHY...?*

YOU AREN'T SURE ?!

YOU DON'T MEAN ...

PROOF?

THERE IS PROOF.

THAT'S SIMPLY RIDICU-LOUS!

IT CAN BE CONCEALED, AND EVEN IF YOU SEE IT, THEY COME IN AN INFINITE VARIETY OF FORMS.

BUT THERE IS JUST ONE TRAIT...

...THEY HAVE IN COMMON.

THOSE WHO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH A DEMON HAVE A "MARK" SOMEWHERE ON THEIR BODY.

YOU FEEL NO PAIN.

SMD

IN THAT SPOT -

HE PIERCED ME ALL OVER.

HOW-EVER,

THE CUNNING DEMON HAD SKILLFULLY HIDDEN THE "MARK"...

FATHER MERINDOL EXCELS IN TECHNIQUES OF EXPOSING WITCHES.

PLEASE, FATHER.

EXAMINE ME THOROUGHLY.

SO THAT'S IT.

OR EVEN BLEED

YES WHEN STUCK WITH A NEEDLE IT DID NOT HURT.

EEK!

WHAT, WHAT?

TUG

..A "WITCH'S MARK."

THIS MOLE IS...

I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE.

COME WITH ME.

THOSE ARE THE PRIEST'S WORDS.

THE SIN OF WITCH-CRAFT CAN ONLY BE CLEANSED WITH FLAME.

HUH ?!

NO, THANK YOU.

SQUEEZE

I MUST BE BURNED AT THE STAKE.

SO,

OH MAN....

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

WHAT A PAIN

THIS TYPE'S TROUBLE !

THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING TO HINDER OUR VIEWING THE STAKE BURNING.

I ORDERED A STRICT DEFENSE POSTED.

THEY ARE ALL POWERFUL VETERANS.

I PAID A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO HIRE SOLDIERS.

Zzz

TOMORROW WILL BE A DAY TO REMEMBER!

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO IT, SAINT ANISE.

IT WOULD BE HEINOUS INDEED IF YOU INJURED HER MOOD!

FOOL!

YES FA HER

I'M SORRY.

FATHER, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!

PARDON ME, YOUR GRACE.

DO NOT MAKE NOISE INSIDE THE CHURCH!

T' TORAC

AS SOON AS I BURN THAT "WITCH," I TOO WILL BE...

UHHH. ((((

WELL, THAT IS, UNTIL TODAY.

HA HA HA

HA HA HA

SO, WHAT'S HAPPENED?

W-WELL.

USE OF FORCE!

IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

DON'T TAKE IT PERSON-ALLY.

HEEE

HHH

BETTER GET AWAY, AND FAST.

WHOOPS, THEY NOTICED.

THAT WAS QUICK

SHE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!

FIND HER!

THE WITCH'S ESCAPED!

ポ DROP

I SAID DON'T STRUGGLE!

HEY!

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EGH!

OH GOD, PLEASE SAVE ME!

D.M.P

D.M.P

D.M.P

D.M.P

D.M.P

ZHA!

I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU BOTH.

VERY WELL THEN.

NOW WHAT ...?

SHOULD I USE THE DRUG? BUT THEN SHE'LL GET INVOLVED TOO.

UH-OH...

PLINK

SEIZE THEM!

DASH

GOD'S PUNISH-MENT, THAT IS.

THUMP

FLAP

IS IT...

HIM?!

A MASKED MAN?!

KILL HIM!

ARGH, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

...

...

...

YOU'RE LATE, MIST!

Ochs Stance

OCHS!

CUT HIM DOWN!!

DMP

DMP

DMP

*NOTE: GERMAN FOR OX STANCE.

FU

FU

VYNN

GHK

TRAGIMG

SLASH

SPIN

DOPPELRUND-
STREICH!!

*NOTE: GERMAN FOR "DOUBLE ROUND-STRIKE"

IGH!

!!

IT AIN'T THE WORK OF MAN.

HE TOOK DOWN NEARLY TEN IN AN INSTANT ...

BLACK DEMON!!

W-
WAIT!

WE'LL BE KILLED!

HEEE!!!

WAHHH

LOO

IGHH!!

DOM

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YEEE

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WEAPON
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WAIT!

COME BACK AND SEIZE THE WITCH!

I'LL KILL YOU!

CHARGE!

YOU -

GLEYGH

I'LL GET YOU, I'LL GET YOUUU.

WHOCK

I, I DID IT!

I, MERINDOL, BROUGHT HEAVEN'S WRATH UPON THE "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN"!!

DID YOU WITNESS THAT?!

SWIN

UH?

CHINK

ONE MORE...

THUD

I JUST NEEDED ...

I...

NO, AM I TO DIE...?

OW

HM?

I REALLY *AM* A WITCH, THEN.

MIIIST! GOOD WORK!

ONE WITH SUCH AN *UGLY FACE* -

COULD NEVER BE HUMAN!!

I HAVE HEARD THAT DEMONS SOMETIMES APPEAR TO RESCUE WITCHES.

MY SOUL MUST BE THOROUGHLY TAINTED.

HEY, MIST'S A *HUMAN!*

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT!

HIS HEAD WAS PIERCED WITH A NEEDLE AND HE LIVES.

BESIDES ...

THAT'S ENOUGH, EUPHEMIA.

WELL, HE'S NO KNOCKOUT, BUT...

IGH!

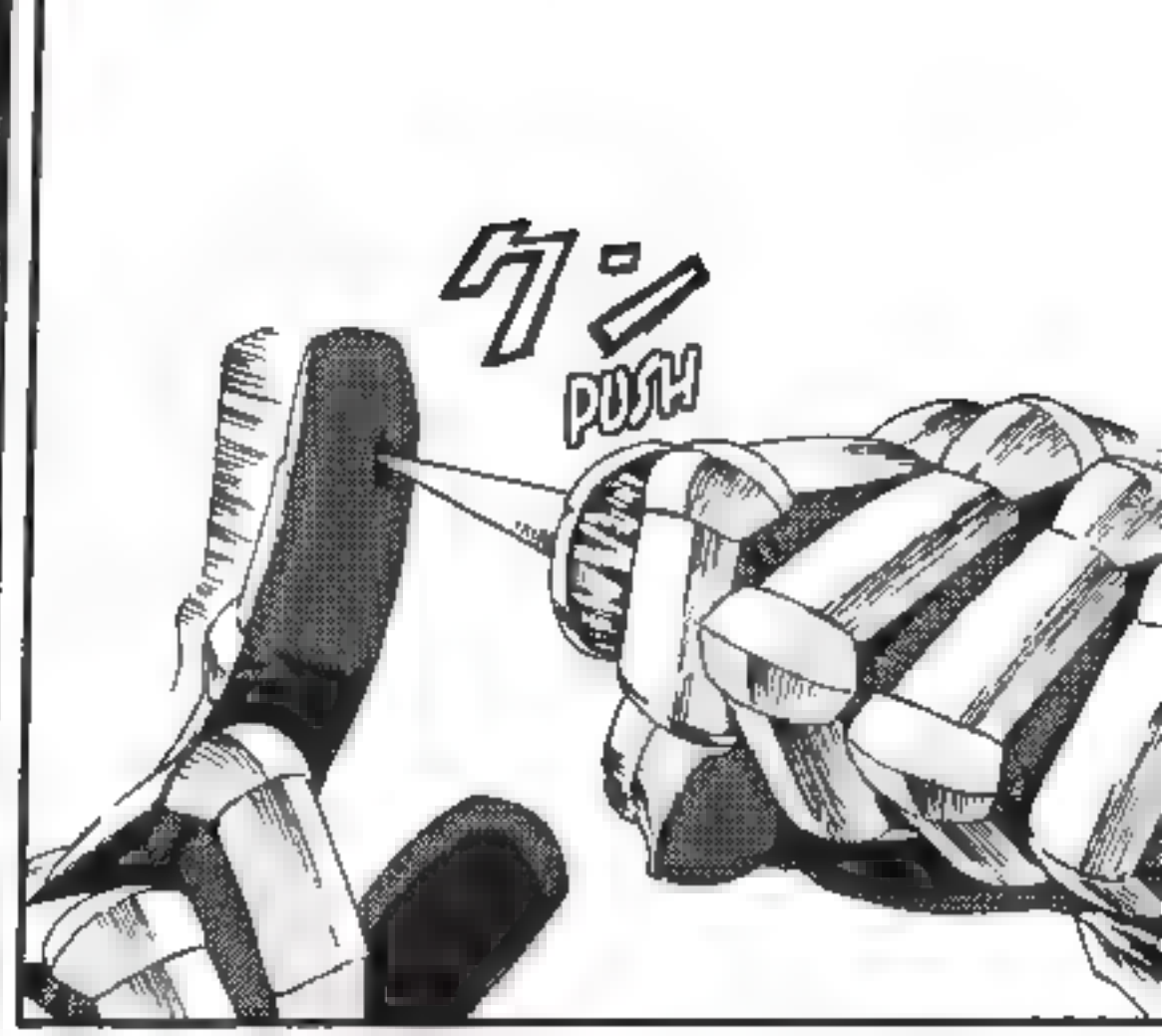
CRUNCH

I'LL SHOW YOU.

WHAT ?

WH... ...

THIS IS YOUR FAITH.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PUSH

YOU WERE SET UP AS A WITCH!

THE NEEDLE SINKS BACK INTO THE HAFT.
AH!
IT'S A DISHONEST TOOL OFTEN USED BY PRICKERS.

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...
...

CHK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE IN ME.

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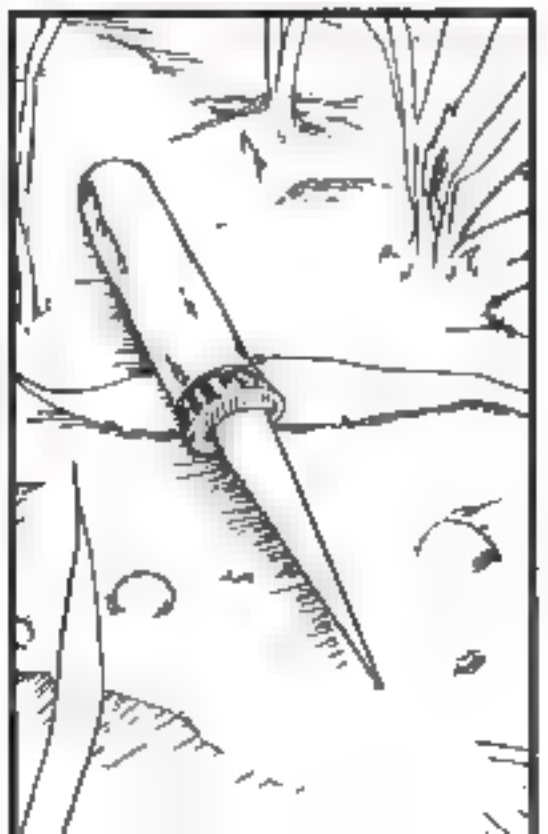

YOU'RE NOT A WITCH!

...I WAS BEING DECEIVED.

AHA...

HA!

AH AH AH AH!

HA HA!

HA!

AHH!

HEH

WRONG.

I'M...

HAHA

...NOT A WITCH.

SHOMM

THE SIN OF "HERESY."

...IS UNMIS-TAKABLY -

EVEN IF THE "MARK" WAS MIS-JUDGED...

UNFAITH-FULNESS TOWARDS GOD...

CHLK

YOU *ARE* A WITCH.

IN THE END -

PLCH

"MASK SELECTION"

"NOTE: GERMAN FOR "HOLY/DIVINE GOD" OR "GOD SLAYER"

Mord Gott

CHAPTER 41: SAINT

Schwarzer Ritter

KINGDOM OF EXCLUDO BOASTING OF A HISTORY OF ONE THOUSAND YEARS, THIS KINGDOM HAD SEEN TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF ONE LONG ONGOING WITCH HUNT.

THE TIME WAS THE AGE OF WITCH HYSTERIA. GOD'S DOCTRINE WAS EVERYTHING, FOR THE HUNTERS AND EVEN THE HUNTED...

BUT, THOUGH THEY WERE VERY FEW, THERE WERE THOSE WHO LIBERATED THEMSELVES FROM THE SHACKLES OF BLIND FAITH.

THIS IS THE TALE OF THE FEATS OF ARMS OF A KNIGHT WHO CHALLENGED GOD TO A STRUGGLE.

Patientia
Scientia
Excludo
Copiae
Iustitia
Arbor
Fabri
Agri
Legio
Vallis
Silent
Lingua
Port
Via
Herba
Agminis
Flavus
Vulpes
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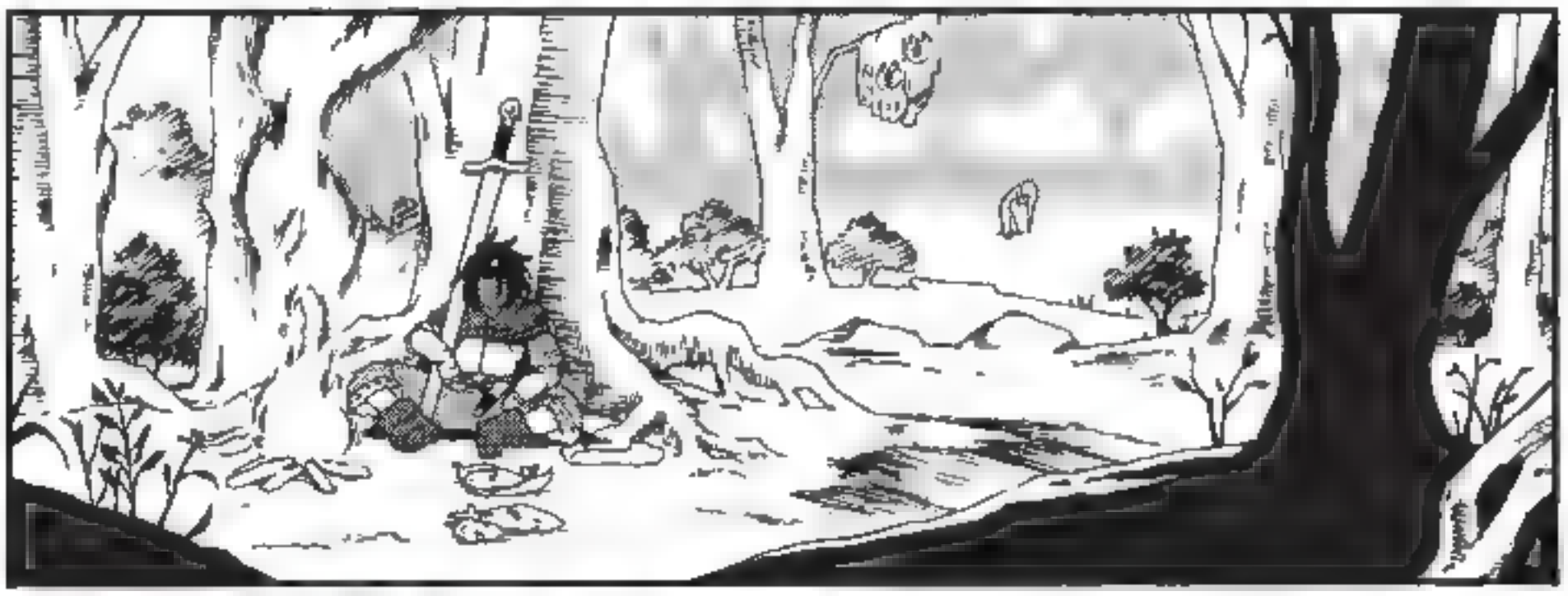
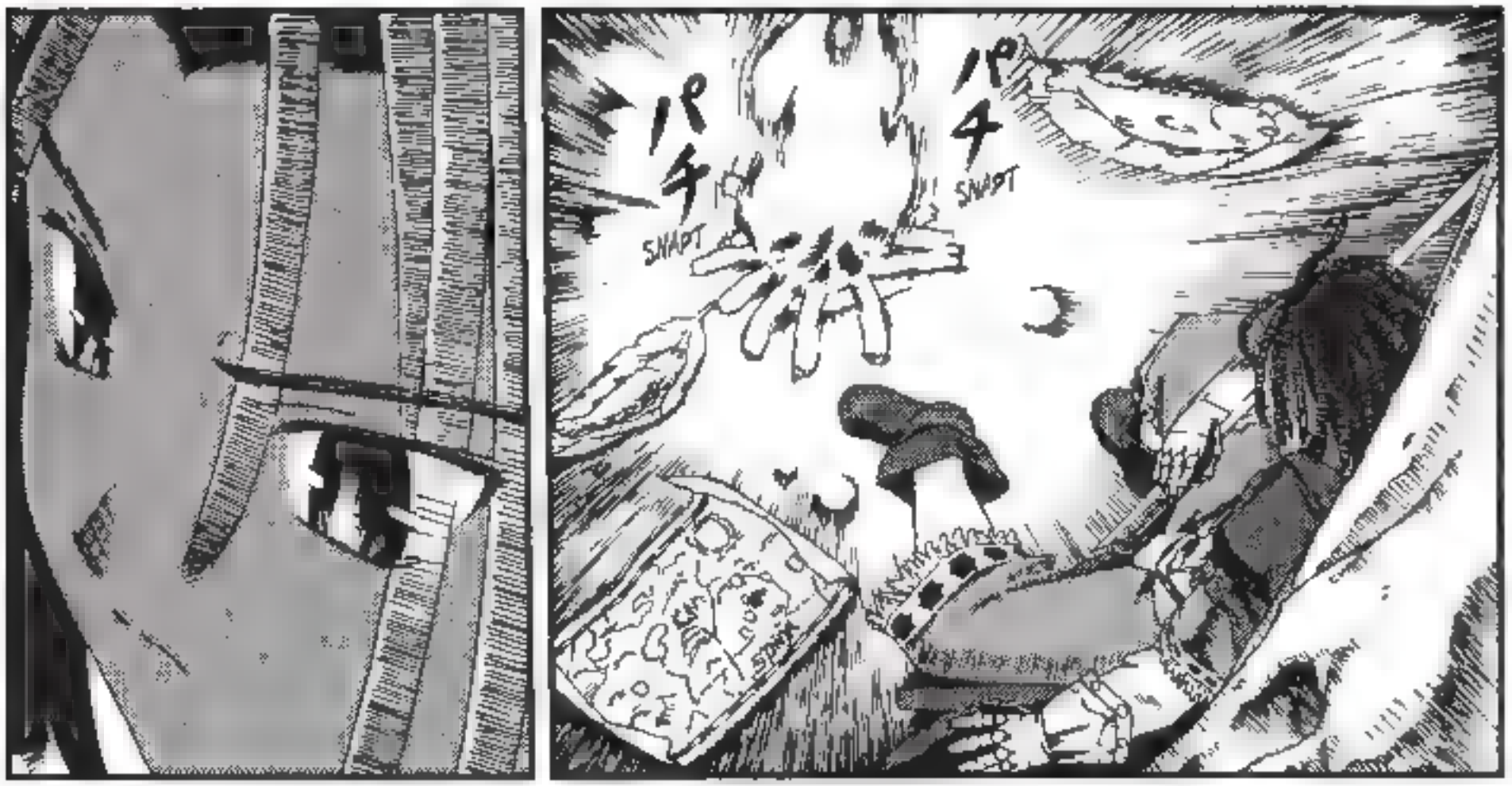
Sanguineus
Humus
Oppidum
Arma
Miles
Spina

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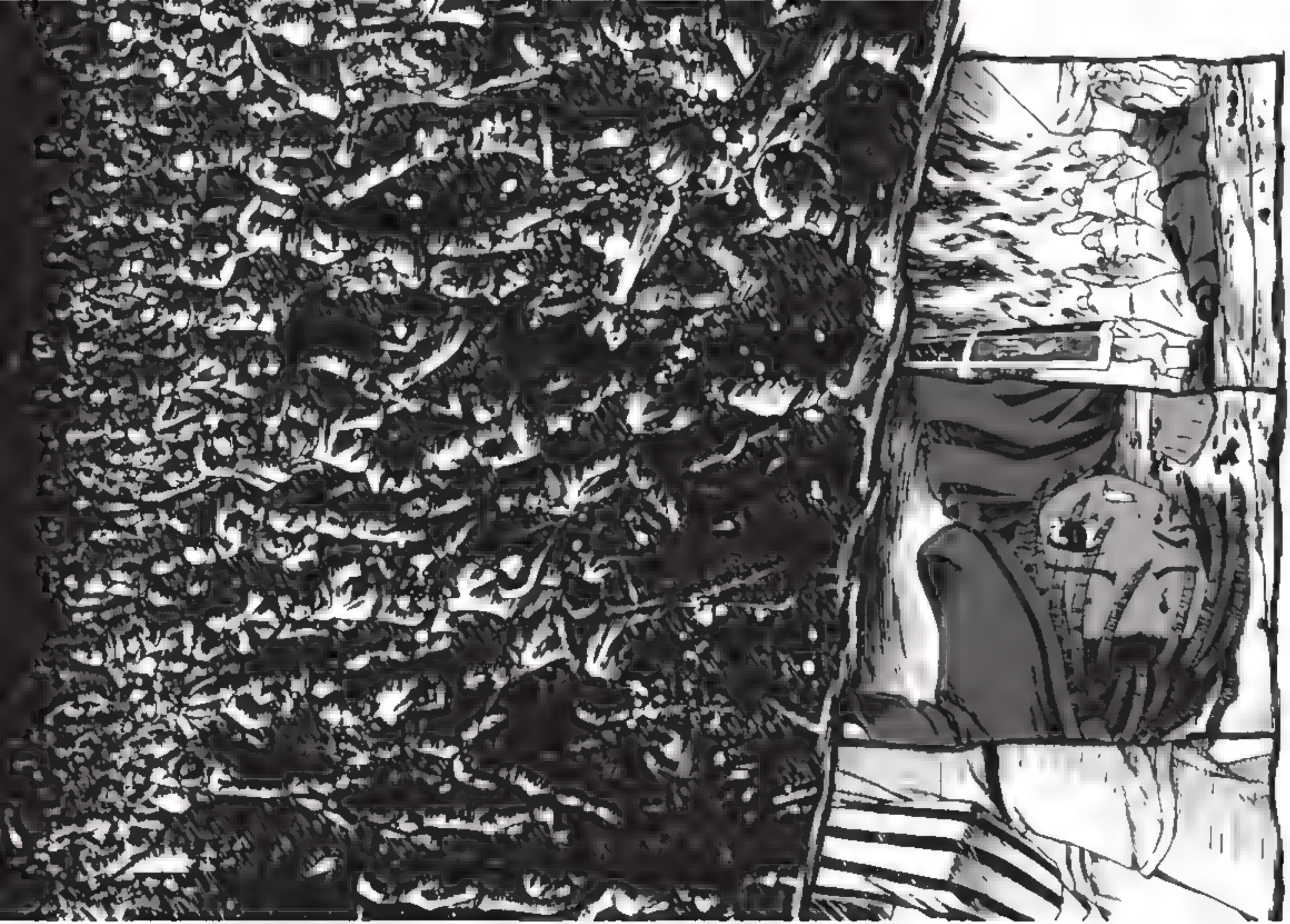


I DON'T MIND IF YOU LOOK. ♡

MIIIST.

SEE, SEE. ♡

SCRATCH THAT, LOOK!

FLIP

FLING

HUH?

ヒタヒタ

PLASH

TONE

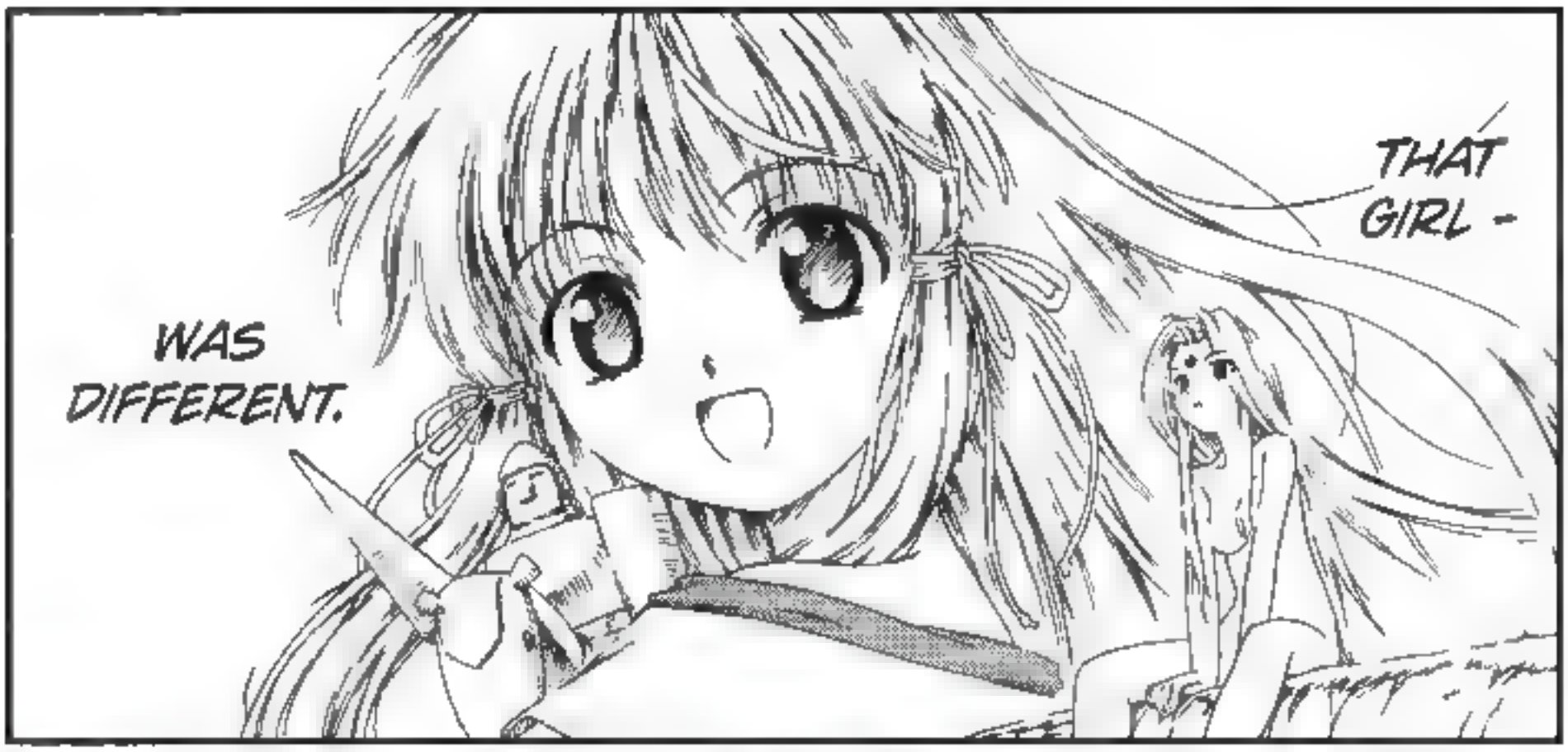
...
...
..

JUST HOPE HE DIDN'T GO TO SILENT...

I MEAN, HE STANDS OUT.

AROD

WHERE'S HE GONE OFF TO?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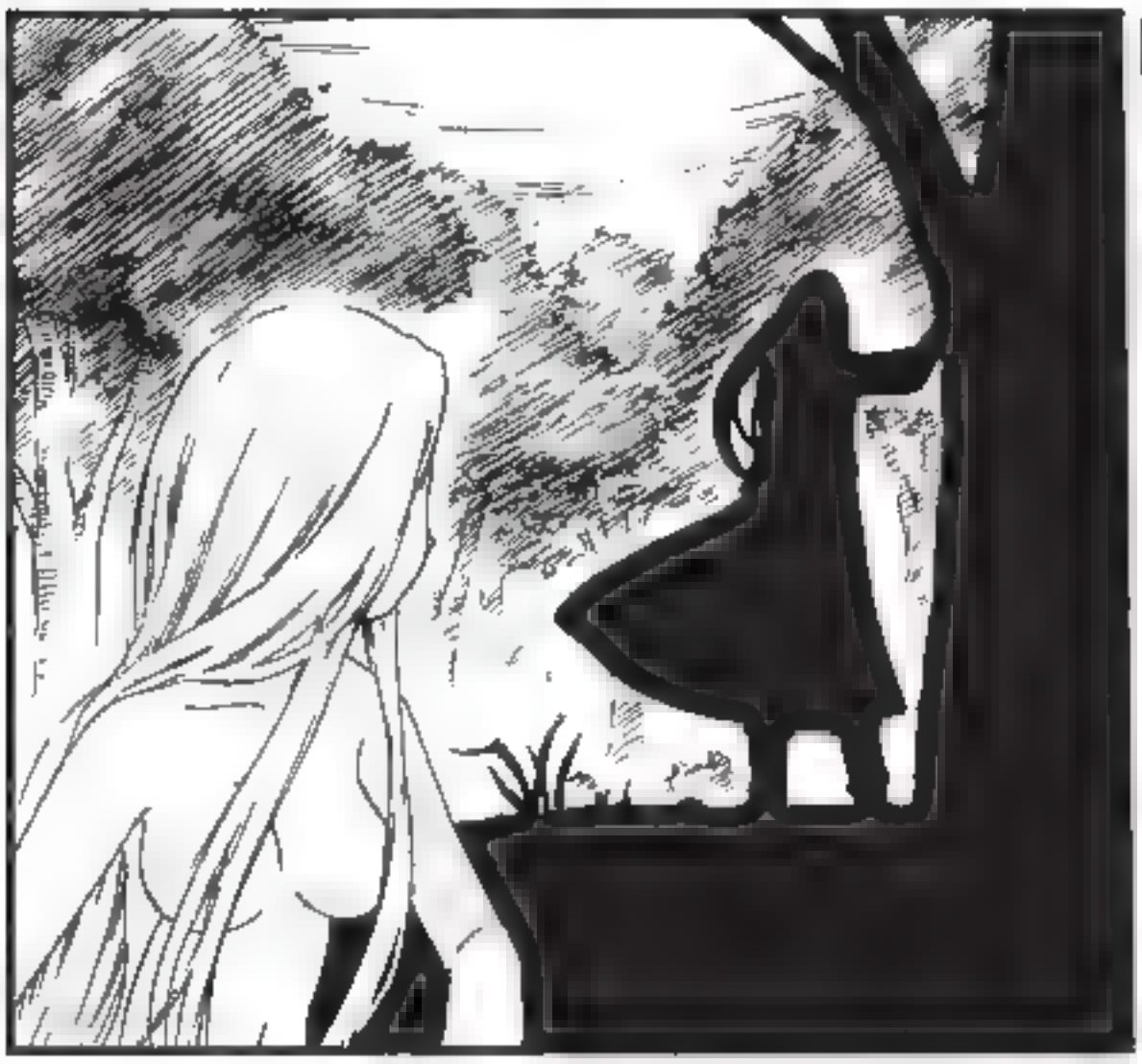
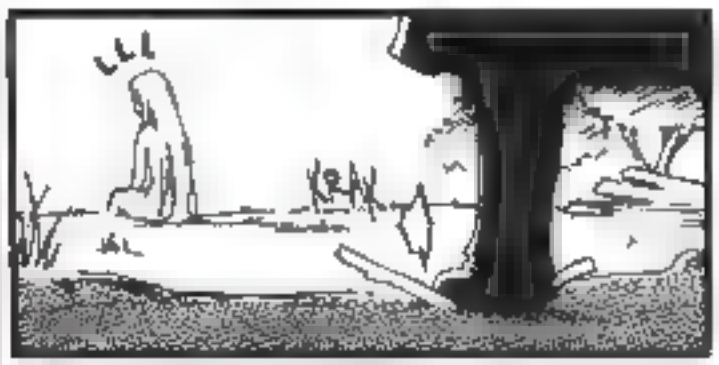
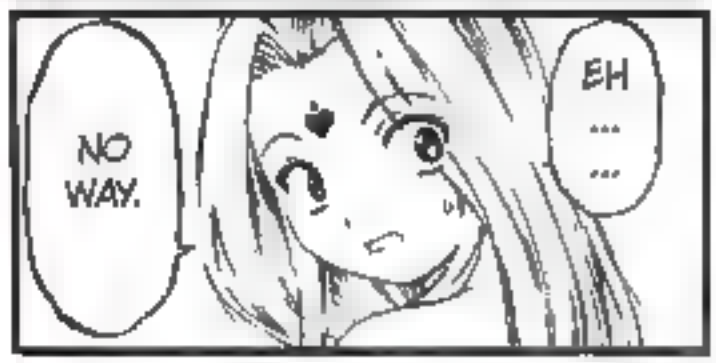
WAS DIFFERENT.



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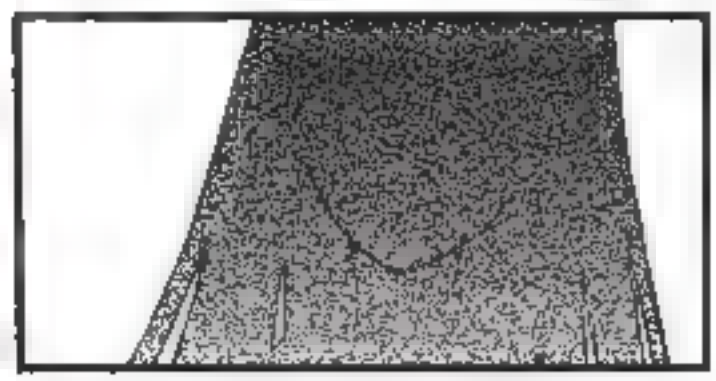
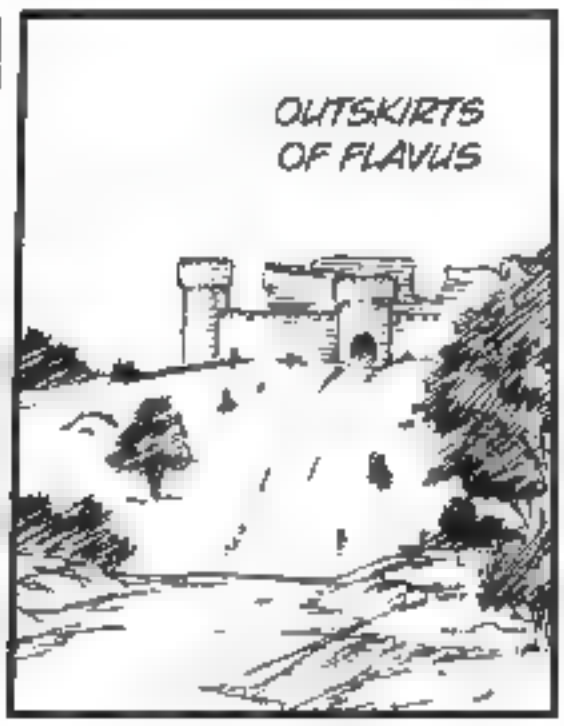


WHY'VE YOU SHUT YOURSELF IN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

NINA!
NINA!


OUTSKIRTS OF FLAVUS

NINA, OPEN THIS DOOR!

KNK KNK KNK KNK

MILADY.

THIS OLD MAN IS DOING A SPLENDID JOB AS YOUR DOUBLE!

CLENCH

WHOM

MAYBE, SHE'S SURPRISINGLY ALREADY BY HER KNIGHT'S SIDE.

NO, NO.

HOW DIFFICULT...

TO FIND JUST ONE PERSON WITHIN THIS WHOLE WIDE WORLD.

THAT'S THE POWER OF LOVE!

OPEN!

SILENT, KINGDOM OF EXCLUDO

IT'S QUIET.

TOK TOK

...TOO QUIET ... ...

CAGING

VYNN

CHING

SHP

SHP

HALT

DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO LECTURE ME?

HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO CARRY THAT ANACHRONISTIC THING?

THAT LONG SWORD HURTS YOUR AGILITY... AND IT'S DULL.

JÖRG VON WILHELM!

"HAMMER OF HOLY MEN"...

BATHING IN THE FOREST.

SO, WHY ARE YOU HERE?

YOU ALONE ?

WHERE'S THE SHAME-LESS GIRL?

...THE SQUIRE.

SO THAT'S ...

TMP TMP

FOR ONE MEANT TO BE A "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN."

ALL THE BETTER -

YOUR SKILLS HAVE IM-PROVED.

WE ONLY FENCED BRIEFLY, BUT I CAN TELL.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PLACE!

...
...
...

DON'T FORGET - THE MISSION ENTRUSTED TO US.

THUMP

BUT! THOU ART TRAVELING FROM PLACE TO PLACE, LIBERATING WITCHES.

ONCE, UPWARDS OF A THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVED IN THIS TOWN.

LOOK AROUND.

THAT MAN WAS THE PRIEST ODO.

WOMEN, MEN, *EVEN CHILDREN,* EVERY LAST ONE.

BUT THEY WERE ALL EXECUTED AS "WITCHES" BY A SINGLE MAN.

THE *TRUE ENEMY* WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR!

FSHHHH

THAT'S ODO.

NO WAY...

DASH

!

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF INNUMERABLE "WITCHES," HE RECEIVED THE *HOLY BLESSING.*

AND THE LIGHT OF FANATICISM AND MIRACLE RESIDES IN HIS BODY.

A SAINT!!

OBSERVE THE HONOR OF MY CHARGE.

AND -

YOU NEEDN'T BE INVOLVED.

...
...
...
SAINT...

!

DASH

SWISH

WHAT WE ARE TO ACHIEVE!!

SWIP

SWIP

SWIP

SWIP

SWIP

ALL THAT'RE LEFT ARE A CORPSE WITH COUNTLESS WOUNDS AND A SWORD WITH A BROKEN BLADE.

A SUCCESSION OF STRIKES THAT EVEN THE TARGET DOESN'T NOTICE.

THAT'S HIS TECH-NIQUE.

WHA ...

WHAT JUST?

REFER TO HIM HONORABLY AS...

THOSE WHO SEE HIS SWORD, WITH NICKS LIKE RIPPLES -

WHAM

DOO

WILHELM THE RIPPLING KNIGHT!!

OR TO CUT DOWN MERE PRIESTS.

HYNN

OUR MISSION IS NOT TO SAVE WITCHES.

HAVE YOU REMEM-BERED?

IT'S TO HUNT DOWN ALL "SAINTS"!!

RACHING

FLASH

IM-

IMPOS-
SIBLE!

WHAT
?!

HE WITHSTOOD MY SWORDPLAY AND SUFFERED NO INJURY?!

YE SINFUL.

SHIIIIINE

PROSTRATE THYSELVES BEFORE THE WORKS OF GOD!!

VNN

WHONG!

KRRRRN

GYAHHH !!

DOOOOSH

ROMMMMB

KH
...
...

SSHT

REINJCT
Zoo

YOU HAD A DAGGER HIDDEN ON YOU.

PLASH

SFF

SFF

HEHEH

SURPRISED ?

BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT!

ALTHOUGH I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SHAVE SOME BODY HAIR WHILE I BATHED...

YOU'LL PAY.

STAND

AGRI...

EH

WHEN YOUR COLLEAGUE IN AGRI OBEDIENTLY SACRIFICED HERSELF TO JUDGMENT.

FOOLISH.

WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

GRIND

SHAAA

!

SHAAAAA

YOU'LL PAY

HOW DARE YOU KILL LUISE.

I'LL MAKE YOU SEE.

I DIDN'T KNOW SAINTS WERE THIS POWERFUL ...

GH...

RUMMMB

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WHFFF

モゲ

WHFFF

I CAN'T WIN.

ゴホ

GOHO

GUESS HE WAS CRUSHED BY THE RUBBLE...

BLACK KNIGHT!

ARE YOU ALIVE, BLACK KNIGHT?

DOSH

IT ISN'T JUST HERE.

THE PEOPLE KILLED IN THE NAME OF GOD.

THE REMAINS OF STAKES LITTERED AROUND THIS TOWN.

THEY'VE BURNED SOME HUNDRED THOUSAND AT THE STAKE.

ズン ズン

DOSH DOSH

WE HAVE TO PUT AN END TO IT!!

AT THIS RATE, ALL OF EXCLUDO WILL BE BURNED!

CLENCH

WHOOM

IS THAT YOU?!

MISTILTEINN !!

I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE DIE!

YOUR MISSION -

IT'S THE SAME, SIR WILHELM.

BRANDED IN FLAME.

AND MY OATH...

Y

YOU'RE ALIVE!

SAINT ODO!

TO PROTECT THE WITCHES, "HAMMER OF HOLY MEN" MUST CHALLENGES YOU TO A DUEL!

I'M DIFFERENT FROM THE FALSELY ACCUSED WITCHES YOU'VE KILLED.

I'LL MAKE YOU SEE.

HERE'S HOW A *REAL* WITCH DOES THINGS!

I WILL SEVER THIS CHAIN OF WITCH HUNTS!!

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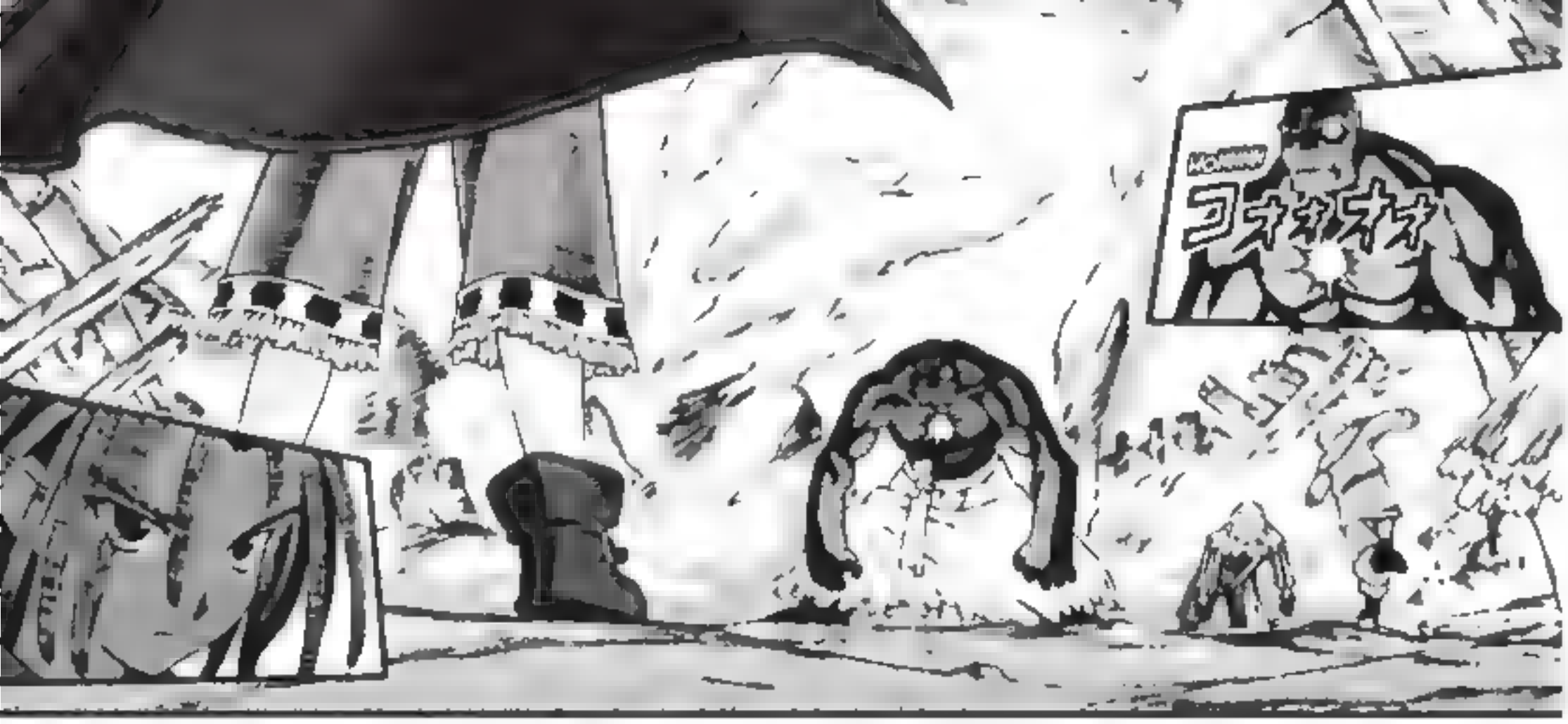
...
...

LOVELY OLD MAN IN WOMEN'S CLOTHING



CHAPTER 5 KNIGHT'S SWORD

WHOK

WHOK

WHOK

WHAM

CURSE YOU!

WHOMMM

MILORD SQUIRE IS *AMAZING!*

THE SAINT'S ATTACKS DON'T EVEN TOUCH HIM!

HE CONTENTS HIMSELF WITH THE TITLE OF SQUIRE...

THE BLACK KNIGHT'S BODY WAS BORN LITHE AND SPRINGY.

PERHAPS THAT'S A CHARACTER-ISTIC ONLY THOSE OF *HIS LAND* POSSESS.

WHACK

BUT HIS AGILITY SURPASSES THAT OF A TYPICAL KNIGHT!!

A SAINT ...

...
...
...

SIR WILHELM.

JUST WHAT *ARE* SAINTS?

BUT ...

SAINTS I'VE HEARD OF IN FAIRY-TALES REALLY EXIST.

HE LOOKS JUST LIKE...

HNNNG

GIVEN IMMENSE POWER, AND ARE NOW SHADOWS OF THEIR FORMER SELVES.

CLERGY WHO HAVE TAKEN THE LIVES OF ESPECIALLY LARGE NUMBERS OF WITCHES, BEEN CANONIZED...

!!

IS THAT IT?!

THE HOLY RELIC, THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER ..

IF YOU CAN ONLY DESTROY ..

HEH

SHINP

KH...
...

IGH!!

IS THAT "HOW A WITCH DOES THINGS"?

ALL YOU'VE BEEN DOING IS RUNNING AROUND.

THEY CALL HER A FREAK !!

I'LL TELL YOU.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL SOMEONE WHO CAN MOVE THEIR HAIR AROUND?

SAINT ?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

TO DISPARAGE ME IS TO BLAS-PHEME GOD.

HOW DARE YOU.

UNFOR-GIVABLE!

AIIEEE!!

WHOK WHOK WHOK

HN?

I CAN'T EVEN GET CLOSE...

THAT HAIR.

FLING

SNAG

BSSH

SHMM

POISON ...?!

IS THIS...

SPLASH

KHP!

!!!

FWOOSH

NO...

COMMENCE COUNTERATTACK.

I'VE ALREADY WON!

NOW SWORDS CAN'T GET THROUGH!

SHIT!

WHAM

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

IS THAT ...?!

GRAP

YE KNIGHT WHO SEEKS GLORY..

...

...

BEAR THIS IN MIND.

IT IS TO PROTECT THE WEAK THAT THOU ARMS THYSELF!

HALB-SCHWERT!

MEET IN THY STAINED SWORD

VALOR IN THE SHIELD THOU CARRIES

COUGH

MAY THEE CONFRONT THY FOE WITH CHIVALRY IN THY HEART!!

VSSH

A REVERSED ... SWORD ?

WRUNK

HMPH! AN EMPTY THREAT !

I STRIKE AT THEE!

IN THE NAME OF MISTILTEINN ...

IF HE DIDN'T SEE IT IN A BOOK...

SHH

NO, MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

THEN THERE WAS STILL A MASTER.

IF IT'S ALTER RITTERLICHE KUNST!

IT CAN PENETRATE!

*NOTE: GERMAN FOR "OLD KNIGHTLY ART"

SPRING

WHONG

!!

TMP

JN

AHMM

ZORNHUT.

"NOTE GERMAN FOR "RAGE GUARD."

MORTS-CHLAG!!

"NUTT ORDINAIRE FOR "MASTER STROKE"

KRUNK

I-
IMPOS-
SIBLE!

(ZZZZ)

(ZZZZ)

(ZZZZ)

ポロ

PLIP

ポロッ

FLIT

GAJING!

THIS, THIS CAN'T BE.

DJSSSH

FOR THE MIRACULOUS WORK GRANTED BY GOD TO BE CRUSHED...

SO THE DEVIL'S POWER IS *THIS* STRONG...

THE DEVIL'S POWER ?

WRONG.

IT'S A SWORD TECHNIQUE FOR CRUSHING ARMOR, USED LONG AGO -

IN AN AGE WHEN PEOPLE FULLY COVERED THEMSELVES IN IT.

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL."

CLERGY ARE KIND TO THOSE OTHER THAN "WITCHES."

YOU CAN NO LONGER MOVE.

THAT WATER CONTAINS AN INGREDIENT THAT SUMMONS MALE BUTTERFLIES.

WHOM

EUPHEMIA, THE "WITCH OF SECRETS"!

I'M THE WIELDER OF A MANIPULATING APHRODISIAC.

JUST HUMAN WISDOM, HANDED DOWN FROM ANTIQUITY.

IT'S NOTHING OCCULT LIKE THAT.

SOME EXCUSE FOR WITCHCRAFT...

KH... ...

JUST A THOROUGHLY TEMPERED SKILL AND A MAN DEDICATED TO HIS KINGDOM AND PROTECTING THE INNOCENT.

IT'S NO DEMONIC POWER.

UNDERSTAND?

THE POWER OF MANKIND !!

YEAH.

I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHAT A KNIGHT CALLS HIS DAGGER.

...BLACK KNIGHT.

YOUR ALTER RITTERLICHE KUNST WAS SPLENDID.

I ASK YOU FOR A BLOW OF MER-...

YES. I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...

...THE SWORD OF MERCY

WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DAGGER?

OH, WELL ...

GONE!

-CY?!

SMOOTH

HER

I USE A SACRED DAGGER FOR *SHAVING* ?!

わなわな TREMBLE

YOU LET A WOMAN ...

YOU'RE LIVELY ENOUGH.

SIR WILHELM. THANK *GOOD-* NESS...

グズ SNFF

THANK *GOOD-* NESS.

グズ SNFF

DAY AFTER DAY...

RELYING ONLY ON RUMOR ...

BUT -

OFF TO DAD

TMD TMD TMD TMD

I'VE SEARCHED SO LONG.

I CAN FINALLY SEE YOU!

MLORD MST!

HAHH

HAHH

!!

NO...

THUMP

MILORD MIIST!!

HNG!

THE ROAD CONTINUES TO THE ROYAL DOMAIN.

AT ITS END IS...

THEY ALL HEAD SOUTH.

WHEEL TRACKS AND SETS OF FOOT-PRINTS.

IF...

YOU ARE GOING SOUTH, MAY I ACCOMPANY YOU?

THAT'S QUICK !!

BUT OF COURSE.

I, LEONARDO SCOTT -

SHALL GLADLY ACCOMPANY YOU!!

LOVELY LADY, TRAVELLING ALONE DOES NOT SUIT YOU.

TO SAN-GUINELIS, THE ROYAL CITY!

COME, LET US BE OFF.

...

WINE

I WORRY TOO MUCH.

IT'S ALRIGHT. LOOK HOW PRETTY A LADY SHE IS.

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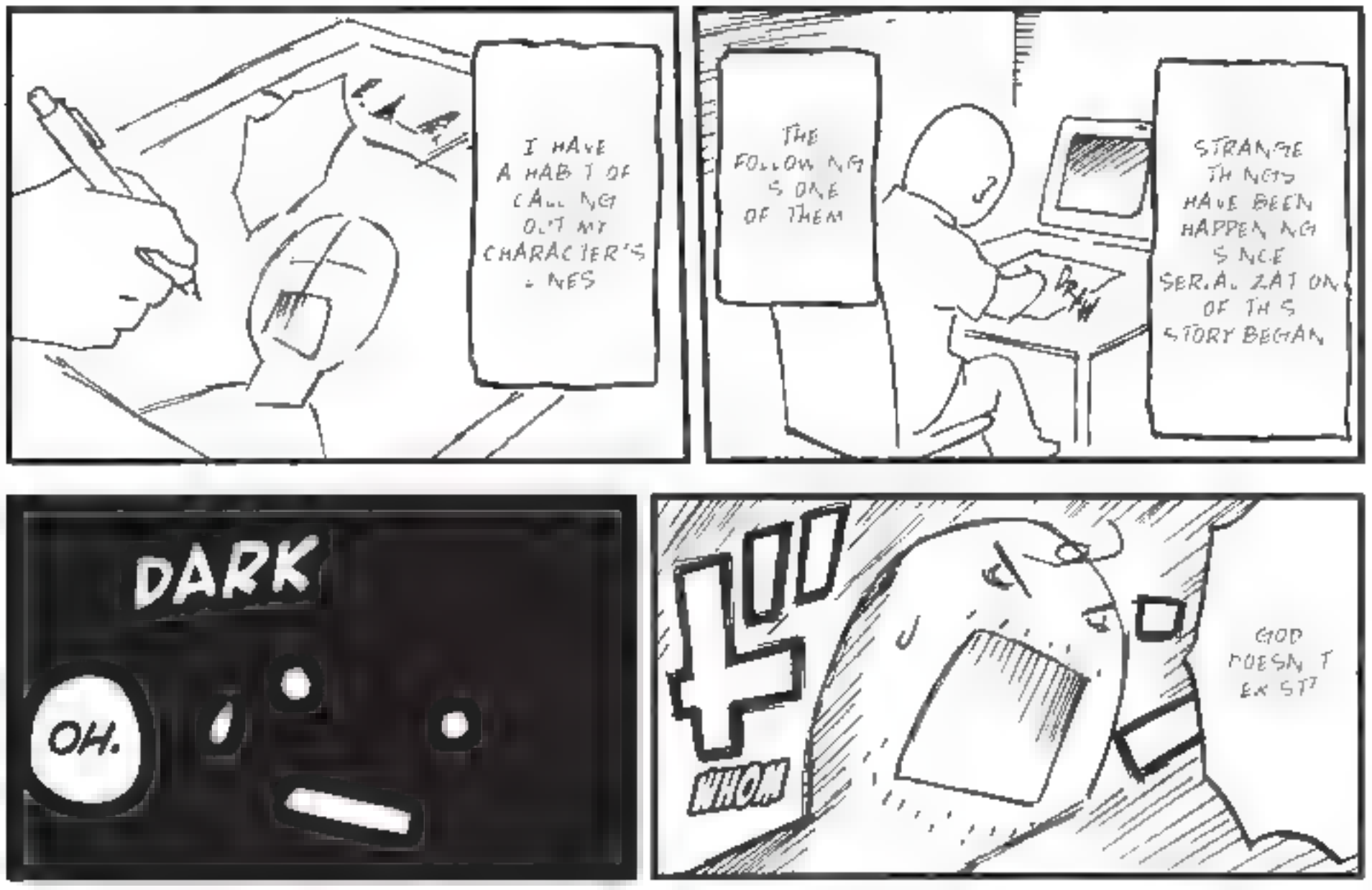
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THE FOLLOWING IS ONE OF THEM
STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING SINCE SERIALIZATION OF THIS STORY BEGAN
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OH.
GOD
WHOM
GOD DOESN'T EXIST

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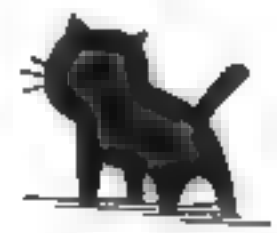
AND TO EVERYONE WHO LOOKED THROUGH "KNIGHTS"

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

"♡"

THE BREAKER DIDN'T TRIP AND I WASN'T A POWER OUTAGE THIS WAS A BIT OF AN ODD EXPERIENCE
JUST AS I SHOUTED ALL THE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WENT OUT
YEEEEE!



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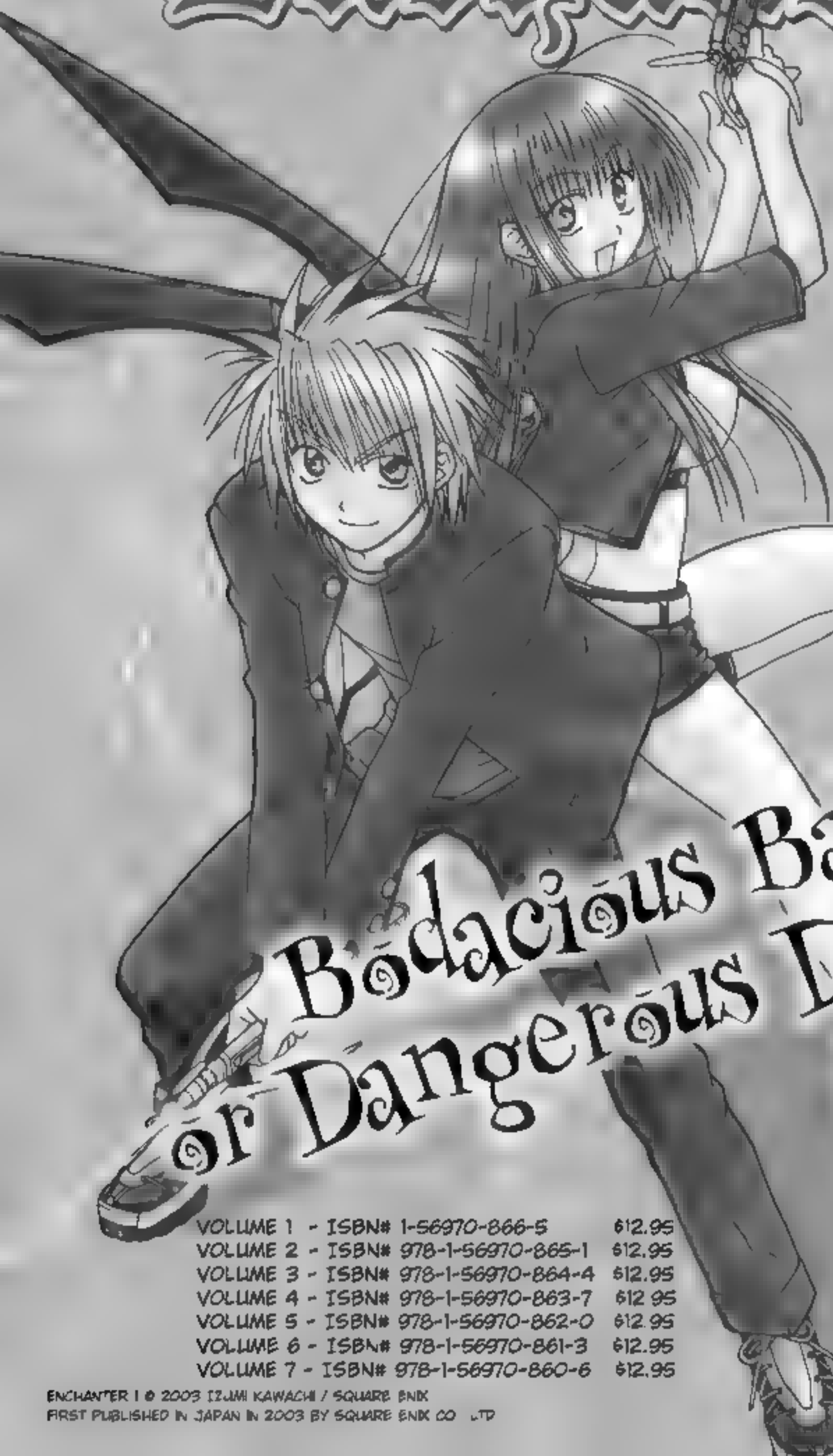

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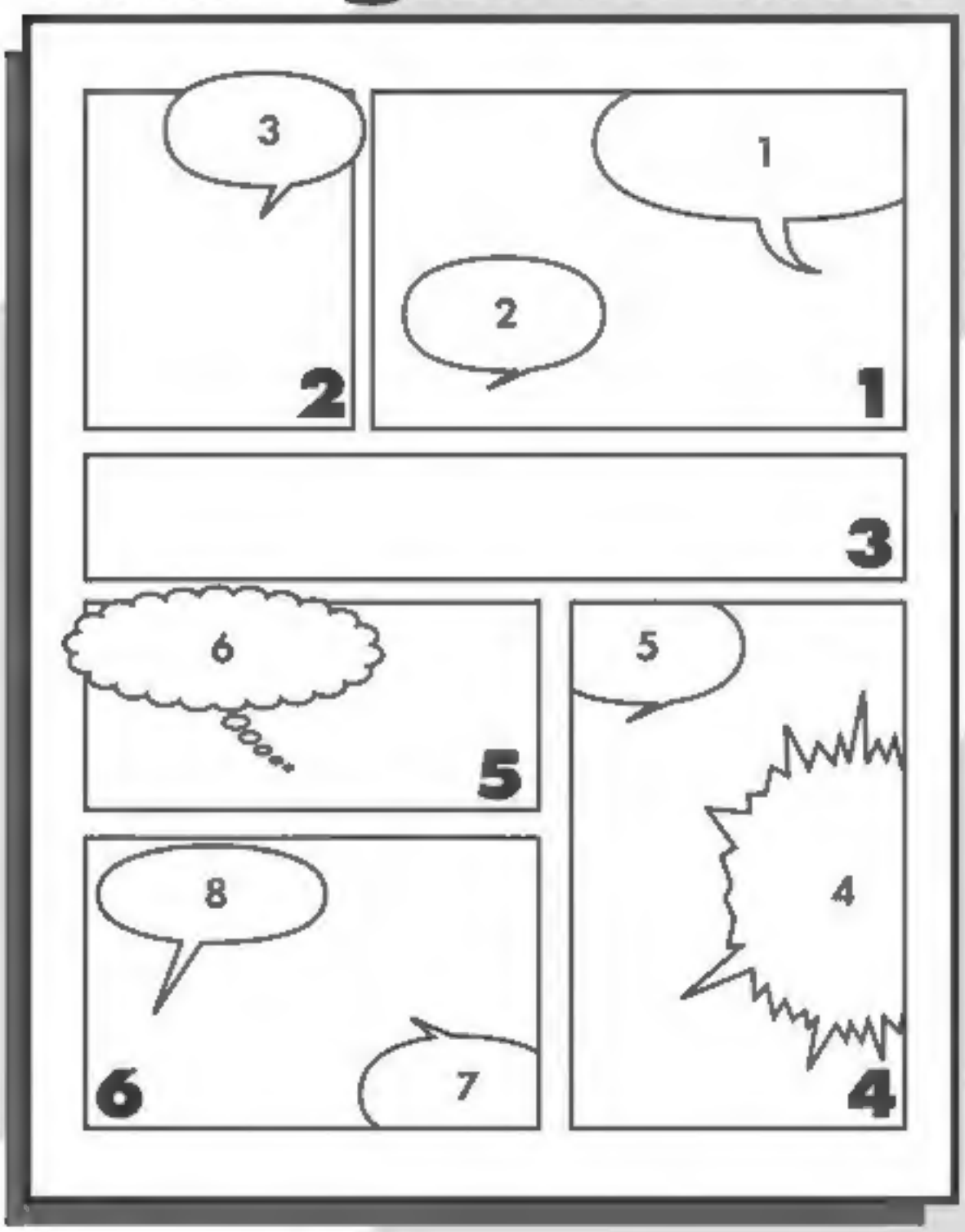

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